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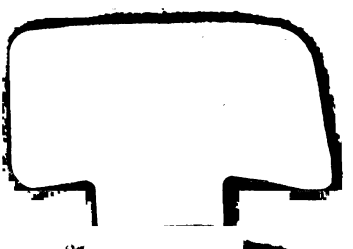
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REPORT OF THE

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library :

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 28, 1883 :

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance, February 28, 1881		$ 222 96
	Endowment Fund Subscription, Collections		75,425 00
	Bequest of Mrs. Maria Cary		5,000 00
	General Fund Subscription		100 00
	Interest		79 08
	Catalogue sales		410 07
	Gross income from Library Building		100 00
	Gross income from 193 Montague street		3,577 48
	" " 201 "		3,463 33
			$88,377 92
Dr.	Debt to Brooklyn Trust Company, paid	$9,131 24	
	Mortgages paid off on 193 and 201 Montague st.	50,000 00	
	Interest on Mortgages	1,808 19	
	General expense account, (items given below)	299 14	
	Expense account, No. 193 Montague street	306 19	
	" " " 201 Montague street	259 03	
	Catalogue account	623 26	
	Investment account	600 00	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz.		
	Income of White Fund	937 50	
	" Martin Fund	225 00	
	" General Fund	3,233 05	
	Appropriation for Books $5,995 29		
	" for Building and Fixtures 4,647 17		
		$10,642 46	
			$78,065 06
	Balance, February 28, 1883		$10,312 86

THE ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Department of City Works, water rates and meter water	$149 54
American Bank Note Company, New Certificates	40 10
Engrossing and copying	109 50
	$299 14

THE NET INCOME OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Income account No. 193 Montague St., gross rentals collected		$3,577 48
Less Interest on Mortgages	$842 79	
Gas	34 20	
Repairs	182 56	
Commission	89 43	1,148 98
Balance net income		$2,428 50
Income account No. 201 Montague St., gross rentals collected		$3,463 33
Less Interest on Mortgages	$965 40	
Gas	38 20	
Repairs	134 25	
Commission	86 58	1,224 43
Balance net income		$2,238 90

A considerable portion of the foregoing rentals represents arrears collected in full. The present rent roll is $6,190, and includes the entire available office property of the Library. There are no vacant offices, and no arrears of present tenants. The rent of rooms in the Library Building proper has yielded $100, as elsewhere appears:

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

Dr. Balance, February 28, 1882		$1,146 29
General expenses, as per statement		299 14
Payments to Jas. L. Morgan, Jr., Treasurer, viz.:		
For Income of Special Funds		1,162 50
For Income of General Funds		3,233 05
		$5,840 98
Cr. Balance Income Account No. 193 Montague St...	$2,428 50	
" " " " 201 Montague St...	2,238 90	
" " Library Building	100 00	
Interest allowed on deposit	79 08	4,846 48
Dr. Balance, February 28, 1883		$994 50

NOTE—The above balance represents the premium of insurance paid in advance for three years to March 1, 1886, on the property of the Library.

In the early summer of 1882 the conditions making binding subscriptions to the Permanent Endowment Fund having been satisfied, the Trustees began to receive collections of the same, which have been continued to the present time, and now keep pace with the still advancing subscription. The total collections on this account, to date, amount to $75,425, from which the following payments and appropriations have been made, pursuant

to the conditions of the subscription and the resolutions of the Board of Directors, viz.:

For payment of debt and interest to Brooklyn Trust Co	$9,131 24
" purchase of books	5,995 29
" renovation of building and fixtures	4,647 17
" repayment of advances on Catalogue account	1,843 94
" transfer to capital account of White Fund	25,000 00
" " " " Martin Fund	10,000 00
Total	$56,617 64

The balance of the subscription will be hereafter applied to the further purchase of books and renovation of buildings, and to the enlargement of general or special funds of the Library as may be ordered.

The Trustees have also to note the receipt of the sum of $5,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Maria Cary, which has been set apart, pursuant to the wishes of the testatrix and the resolution of the Directors, as a special fund, entitled "Cary Bequest." The receipt of these considerable sums for the permanent endowment of the Library, has provided the means of paying off the mortgage indebtedness of the corporation, which has been done, and the real estate of the Library is, therefore, entirely free from incumbrance. It has also been considered expedient, with the concurrence of the Directors, to close the account, which has been running for some years in connection with the publication of the Catalogue. Further payments on this account of $623.26 were made during the year, in full of the cost of a second edition, and the sum of $410.07 was received from sales. The outstanding balance of the account, viz., $1,843.94, was then charged against the Endowment Fund Subscription as before stated. The unsold volumes (593) are now in the hands of the Directors. The entire cost of the two editions has been $11,768.03, and the amount received from various sources towards defraying this charge, $9,924.09, including proceeds of sale, $4,566.27.

The General Fund of the Library shows an increase of $100, being the amount of a single life membership so applied.

The Investment account represents the value of one income bond of $1,000 of the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railway Company, given to the Library and included as part of the Endowment Fund Subscription.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$10,312 86	
Investment account	600 00	
Real estate, No. 193 Montague street	37,000 00	
" Library	151,863 45	
" No. 201 Montague street	32,814 76	
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
General Income Account	994 50	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book "		587 50
General "		15,117 60
Endowment Fund Subscription		18,807 36
Art Fund		1,000 00
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
	$244,673 46	$244,673 46

The insurances upon the Library property are under time policies running to March 1, 1886, and remain unchanged, as follows:

On Library building	$80,000 00
" Books	70,000 00
" Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
" No. 193 Montague street	20,000 00
" No. 201 Montague street	20,000 00
Total	$197,500 00

Which is respectfully presented, by order and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,

Treasurer of Trustees.

BROOKLYN, March 8, 1883.

Examined and found correct,

JAMES P. WALLACE,
ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN. } *Examining Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer.* *In Account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 25, 1882		$1,579 95
Initiation Fees	1,018 00	
Dues, Fines, Extra Books, etc	9,831 06	
Total Receipts from Membership		10,849 06
Trustees' Account, Income—Martin Fund	225 00	
" " White "	937 50	
" " General "	3,233 05	
" for Books and Building Repairs	10,642 46	
		15,038 01
Classes		310 08
Old Books, Periodicals, etc., sold		44 05
Catalogues and Bulletins (exclusive of Trustees' Account)		37 15
Trustees of Cary Fund		350 25
Sundries (interest $16.00)		16 13
		$28,224 68

Salaries		$8,236 60
Books		6,099 26
Newspapers and Periodicals		1,308 88
Binding		558 61
Stationery and Postage		503 87
Lighting and Fuel		1,958 16
Building and Fixtures		4,134 39
Bulletins and advertising		502 54
Janitor and Care of Building		1,560 64
Incidentals—Interest	$270 00	
" Expenses of Branches	156 00	
" Sundry Current Expenses	402 98	
		828 98
Receipts Endowment Fund, 1881, p'd Trustees.		2,000 00
Balance March 27, 1883		532 75
		$28,224 68

E. & O. E. BROOKLYN, March 27, 1883.

JAS. L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Library was held at the Library, on the evening of Thursday, March 29th, 1883, in the Ladies' Reading Room. The President, Mr. Wm. Augustus White, being absent on account of sickness, the Vice-President, Gen. A. C. Barnes, called the meeting to order, and on motion Mr. Geo. C. White, Jr., was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., being also absent, his annual report was presented and read by Mr. J. H. Frothingham, and on motion accepted.

General Barnes then read the Annual Report of the Board of Directors.

On motion of Mr. Van Sinderen it was ordered that the Report be received, and that 1,500 copies be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Frothingham submitted a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Library, the same having been duly posted on the Bulletin, as follows:

AMEND ART. II., SEC. I., TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Any person of the age of fourteen years, or upwards, may become a member of the Library, if approved by the Board of Directors, on subscribing the Constitution and paying five dollars per annum in advance, or an initiation fee of one dollar, and two dollars in addition thereto for the first six months; the further regular dues shall be for the remaining six months of the first year, two dollars, and thereafter five dollars per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. Any member shall be entitled, by paying three dollars per annum in advance, in addition to the regular dues, to draw an additional set of books for each such additional payment.

On his motion the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Before the meeting adjourned, several gentlemen spoke eloquently in reference to the great importance of a more adequate endowment of the Library for the purchase of books.

General Barnes thought that it would only be necessary for it to be known that the Library was poor and in need of funds for assistance to be forthcoming. Such assistance could not be considered merely charity, but decent self-respect. The duty of sustaining such an institution as this falls on a few, and the Library has experienced the noble liberality of this class. After many years of financial independence the Library feels that to fill its full measure of usefulness it must appeal to its friends for substantial aid.

Rev. Dr. Thomas said that he felt a personal interest in the institution, as he was one of those who had largely profited by it. Its value is a growing value. There is special reason for its becoming of more consequence to-day. The flood

of publications is so extensive and the wealth of research so great that no man but a millionaire can keep pace with this progress. There are special advantages in such a well-chosen and well-managed library. The amount of ephemeral literature is enormous. Like dynamite, however, the press may be used for bad as well as good purposes. Children on their way to school see notices on the fences which in Athens would have expatriated the man who placed them there. The cheap press, the news-stands, and smaller book-stores, are largely infected with such literature. Such Libraries as this are of great public benefit. This institution has something to do with future generations. The speaker spoke of the great aid the Catalogue had been to students, and of the testimony of librarians of our leading colleges to its usefulness. He regretted that there was such a painful lack of expenditure for books in this community. It has expended $15,000,000 on a bridge and not half a million to get the young people transported to the coming century. It is not enough that this institution has been able to sustain itself so far. It occupies a most favorable location, where there is a natural focalizing of the population. It has no rival institutions. It stands alone and unique, without a competitor, and should, therefore, concentrate assistance. The building is admirably provided with appliances for work, and to leave the Library at the present time crippled would be absolutely suicidal. Brooklyn being a city of homes, should also be a city of literature and study ; it should be amply supplied with all that it needs to guide, instruct, and inspire its youth.

Mr. Rossiter W. Raymond spoke in a general way of books and their various uses. A book is simply a man with one thing to say. When books were scarce no one could afford to own all he wanted. Now they have become so numerous that no one, not even a millionaire, can afford to get all he wants. Even the Astor Library is not complete in any given field. One is now satisfied if he knows the men who knew the facts, without knowing the facts himself. The library of the educated man should consist of as many working tools as possible—the classics, the various books, and as many encyclopædias, dictionaries, and circulars as possible. The Catalogue of the Brooklyn Library was a model of literary work, and, as has been well said, almost a perfect realization of an impossibility. For his own part he thought more of the Catalogue than he did of any other volume in the entire Library. To a reading man the Catalogue was invaluable, and he would consider no library—no private library of any considerable extent—perfect without it. Without it the library would be a mockery to the mass of readers. As a student he wished to express his gratitude to the Brooklyn Library. All his thinking and active life was associated with it. Brooklyn is a city of homes and has only a few things to unite it as a people, among which may be mentioned the Park, the Bridge, Ridgewood, and this Library. The distinguished merit of the Catalogue had not escaped the notice of the compilers of the elaborate article upon Libraries in the latest edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica.

Mr. Andrew McLean also made a few remarks. He said it was a great pleasure to him to have it in his power to stimulate fresh interest in the Brooklyn Library. For many years he has profited by this institution and has seen in a practical way how much good it was accomplishing. All that Mr. Raymond had said of the Librarian and the Catalogue he had found true in his own experience. He could conceive of no institution more admirably managed for intelligent men,

and he believed that what had been already accomplished was only a promise of larger things to come. He believed with the Mayor that the Brooklyn Library will yet run into a public library. He did not approve of several small libraries. The Historical Society and this Library will meet all the demands of Brooklyn for the next fifty years to come, or for all time. This Association, he felt assured, would not be cramped for lack of money. Its wants have only to be made known to be supplied. Ample support and stimulation will be received. Not merely generosity but ambition will induce rich men to come forward to its aid. He could not conceive of any cause which has more to commend it than that of this institution. No man can be beggared or lose his self-respect through philanthropy of this kind.

The meeting then adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library :

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Library the Board of Directors herewith submit their Twenty-fifth Annual Report, and perhaps the fact that this report completes the record of a quarter of a century's work will excuse its opening with a brief historical retrospect.

The first annual report of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library Association was submitted on the 13th January, 1859. We learn from it that a public meeting was held on the 30th November, 1857, over which James P. Wallace, who is still one of our Trustees, presided, at which a preamble and resolutions were adopted substantially embodying the Constitution of the Association as finally adopted.

On the 23d December, 1857, the first Board of Directors was chosen.

In their report the Directors say: "Our aim has been first to establish a circulating library for use at the homes of members, of a high character, which shall represent, as far as possible, the great departments of human thought and inquiry, as far as they can be pursued by the general reader; and second, to establish a library of reference, consisting of cyclopædias, gazetteers, maps, transactions of learned societies, and special treatises in the different departments of literature, art, and science. We confidently hope that some of the Astors of our city will yet furnish the Association with a fund which will in a few years give us a library of circulation and reference worthy of the population and intelligence of Brooklyn. That a city of over 200,000 inhabitants should be without a great library is disgraceful in the extreme."

Mr. A. A. Low in the course of his remarks at the meeting, said: "The time has come when to support our preten-

sions to the character as well as to the size of a great city, we must acquire the attributes of a great city; and no one, high or low in station, may claim to be honored and respected as a citizen of Brooklyn—who fails to recognize his responsibilities as a citizen—who, according to his ability, does not help on every good object. This institution has been established for the purpose of supplying our citizens with the amplest information in every department of knowledge; but, I would hope, especially in all that relates to commerce, biography, and history; so that our young men may grow up to be good merchants, good citizens, good legislators and good statesmen: finding, if need be, in the record of the past, that foundation on which all true greatness, personal or national, rests, virtue and honor. In due time this Association will exert a mighty influence upon the thought and heart of the community, stimulating and guiding it to a higher and better progress, until Brooklyn shall become glorious as 'a city set on a hill, whose light shall not be hid.'"

It is evident that the foundations of the Library were laid on a large plan, yet we trust that the Library has accomplished, if not all, at least an important part of what was expected of it.

The Treasurer's report for the same year shows receipts:

From annual members	$5,373 00
From lectures	1,345 00
Donations	915 00
Life members	6,100 00
Total	$13,733 00
And expenditure for books	$8,393 00

We may be sure that this outlay for books was judiciously made, as the report of the Directors records their appreciation of "the labors of their intelligent and faithful Librarian, Mr. S. B. Noyes." With the exception of three years, from 1866 to 1869, when he was tempted away to the Library of Congress at Washington, Mr. Noyes has been with us ever since, doing the best he could with the limited means at his

disposal. The selection and building up of this Library is almost solely his work.

When the war broke out, the libraries of the country felt its force severely, and for two years little progress was made. Two members of the Board of Directors, who resigned at that time in order to enlist, died in the service of their country, and some memorial tablet on the walls of this Library might fitly commemorate the names of Henry W. Merian and Henry H. Alden. In 1863 a more hopeful feeling prevailed, and the site where our Library is now located was under consideration for purchase, the cost of lots and building being estimated in the fifth annual report as only $60,000.

In 1865 these lots on Montague street were bought; a subscription for a building fund was started, and reached to the amount of $105,000. A year later $20,000 additional had been subscribed, and it was stated that the income on $200,000 more would be needed to buy books and pay running expenses.

In 1870 the present library building was completed at an expense in round figures of	$150,000 00
And the cost of the adjacent office buildings was,	
No. 193 Montague street	37,000 00
No. 201 Montague street	33,000 00

There were $25,000 mortgages on each of the office buildings, but none on the Library building proper.

After obtaining a building, the necessity for filling its shelves with a suitable collection of books was evident, and a subscription of $50,000 was raised, of which $20,000 was given by the Hon. S. B. Chittenden, the whole to be spent directly in the purchase of books. The expenditure of this sum lasted till 1876, and during that time the Library increased in size from 21,000 volumes to 53,000 volumes, and the title of the institution was changed by act of the Legislature to "The Brooklyn Library." During the next five years the purchases were at the rate of only 1,000 volumes yearly, many necessary books had to be left unpurchased, and this state of arrested development naturally caused a good deal of dissatisfaction among all using the Library, and there

was a falling off in the five years of twenty per cent. in its annual membership. To pay for such books as were purchased during this time, and to complete the publication of the catalogue (work on which was begun in 1874), the Directors were obliged to incur a debt of about $10,000. The catalogue has cost, net, $7,000, beyond the receipts for sales, but it was essential to the intelligent use of the Library, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the work was thoroughly well done, and that it ranks high as a book of reference wherever the English language is spoken.

Impressed, therefore, with the absolute necessity of keeping the growth of the Library steady and harmonious, the Board of Directors have labored now for over a year past to bring before the people of Brooklyn the wants and necessities of our institution and the opportunities it offers for public usefulness. Their labors have met with partial success, and a subscription list, amounting at present to about $86,000, has, according to its terms, enabled us to pay off our floating debt of about $10,000; to pay off the mortgages on the two office buildings of $50,000; to devote to the purchase of books and repair of Library building, $10,000; and for the same purposes during the current year there will be further expended about $10,000.

We have further on hand, awaiting secure investment in bond and mortgage on Brooklyn property, about $10,000.

The Trustees have also received during the year the bequest, mentioned in our last report, of $5,000 from the late Mrs. Maria Cary.

Last Autumn the Library building had a narrow escape from a serious conflagration, caused by the upsetting of a lighted lamp, and this hastened the change, which the Directors at that time had under consideration, of restoring lighting by gas, which had only been abandoned for oil under the pressure of absolute financial necessity. This change has been very satisfactory to our members, but adds about $1,000 a year to our running expenses; that is, it takes $20,000 of subscription, if invested at five per cent. on bond and mortgage, to pay the cost of substituting gas for oil.

Of the subscription, as reported by the Treasurer of the Trustees, there was paid in previous to the 1st March, 1883	$75,425
Received since	4,150
Subscriptions not yet paid, but all considered good	5,850
Total to date	$85,425

This having been a year of transition the Treasurer's report does not afford the exact data to figure on in calculating precisely our financial status. The position of the Library in future may be stated as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From annual members, estimating an increase of 10 per cent			$12,000
Classes and miscellaneous			400
Income from Trustees—			
Gross rentals	$6,190		
Less charges, say	590		
		5,600	
Income from bond and mortgage and other investments, $16,000 at 5 per cent		800	6,400
Total			$18,800

To do our work adequately, our expenses will be—

Salaries	$9,000
Periodicals and newspapers	1,500
Binding	900
Gas	1,800
Fuel	600
Water	100
Maintenance of building and furniture	800
Janitor and cleaning	1,500
Insurance	500
Maintaining branches	1,200
Stationery, postage, etc	450
Bulletins, advertising and miscellaneous	450
Total	$18,800

None of these estimates are exaggerated, and if we cannot otherwise obtain money for the purchase of books, we must save $1,500, or perhaps $2,000, by doing with one less library attendant, by cutting down the expenditure for periodicals and newspapers, and by giving up the branches, all of which will be at the sacrifice of efficiency and utility.

We have got to face the fact that the running expenses of an institution like ours are necessarily heavy. We have a large building to light and warm, to keep clean and in repair. The wear and tear of floors, furniture and books is incessant, the number of people who use the Library ranging from 500 to 1,200 daily. We have an exacting body of members, and to satisfy them we must have courteous and intelligent employees. We are sure that our salary list is as low as possible consistent with giving satisfaction to our constituency.

In order to satisfy the pressing demands that are made upon us we must invest annually in books from $5,000 to $8,000, that is to say, *we need the income of at least* $100,000 *more than we now have. If it should prove impossible to raise so large a sum at present, an absolute donation of* $40,000 *or* $50,000, *to be expended, principal and interest, in books, would enable us to do what is necessary for the next ten years.* What charitable investment can one make that promises so large a return of usefulness as this?

What we ask for is a modest sum in comparison with the income that kindred institutions enjoy in other cities. The Astor Library represents a total investment of $1,400,000 on the part of the Astor family, and yet last year a donation of $16,000 from one of the family was necessary to enable them to buy what books they needed. The Boston Public Library spends altogether about $125,000 a year. The population of Boston is less than ours, and it has the Athenæum and a number of other libraries beside. Yet on Monday last their Board of Aldermen voted to erect a new library building, for which they appropriated the sum of $450,000. Scarcely a week passes that we do not read in the papers of some large donation or bequest for library purposes.

To show the deficiencies of our city in library facilities, we give herewith a comparative table showing the number of volumes contained in the public libraries of all kinds in twelve cities, as compared with the population. The figures

are taken from the article on Libraries in the recent volume of the Encyclopædia Britannica, and the population from the census of 1880:

	Volumes.	Population.
New York	704,000	1,206,000
Washington	691,000	147,000
Boston	638,000	363,000
Philadelphia	338,000	847,000
Cambridge	259,000	53,000
Cincinnati	168,000	255,000
Baltimore	137,000	332,000
New Haven	125,000	63,000
Worcester	125,000	58,000
Princeton	112,000	4,000
St. Louis	108,000	350,000
Brooklyn	96,000	567,000

In total number of volumes Brooklyn ranks twelfth, but in percentage of volumes to population, if all the Northern cities were included, Brooklyn would stand very near the bottom of the list. It has been said that the libraries of a city should contain as many volumes as it does inhabitants, and many a New England town largely exceeds this ratio.

In the detail of our work during the past year favorable progress may be reported.

The circulation during the library year ending 31st December, 1882, has been, as compared with the previous year:

	1881.	1882.
First quarter	27,141	27,828
Second quarter	24,366	24,053
Third quarter	16,839	17,871
Fourth quarter	23,964	25,542
Total for the year	92,310	95,294

These figures show a gain for the year of 2,984 volumes in circulation over that of the preceding year, the rate of increase showing a gain toward the end of the year, which has been continued since. The largest number of volumes put in circulation on any one day was 675, on January 14; the smallest 145, on August 2. We may fairly claim that the quality of the books circulated by us is equal to that of any

library in the country, and in volume of circulation we are surpassed among subscription libraries by only two or three. We endeavor to keep the quality of fiction in the Library high class, and prefer to err on the side of excluding rather than admitting a doubtful book. We know of no better way to fight bad fiction than with good fiction, and we trust the influence of our institution may to some extent counterbalance the flood of cheap, sensational literature with which the news stands are deluged.

The circulation of books, however, is scarcely any more important a feature of our Library than the use of books in the Library for reference, estimated at 50,000 volumes for the year. There is a steady increase in the use thus made of the Library, largely on the part of teachers and classes, clergymen, journalists, and professional men generally, but there is room for much further development in this direction. Apparently a Library not only has to furnish the opportunity, but must also educate the public to improve the opportunities when furnished. Our set of United States Patents, which is open to the public free of charge, is frequently consulted by inventors and artisans.

2,977 volumes have been bound and 12,024 volumes have been covered during the year. During the ensuing year a considerable outlay will be necessary for binding.

The publication this month of Bulletin No. 17, embracing the book purchases of the last six months, will doubtless further stimulate our circulation and membership. Some delay was caused in the publication of this bulletin by the work involved in the preparation by Mr. Noyes of notes and comments on many of the books, which, however, adds materially to its value and usefulness. It is proposed, if the means of the Library will admit, to continue this work of annotation and comment in further bulletins. We are thus getting the material ready for the publication of a second volume of our catalogue, which will probably be required within the next five years.

The Librarian is always accessible to members who desire more information than the catalogue is able to give.

The additions to the Library have been in detail:

BOOKS.	Number of Volumes, 1881-82.	Additions, 1882-83.	Worn out and sold, 1882-83.	Net additions, 1882-83.	Total number of volumes, March 29, 1883.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	9,552	784	25	759	10,311
Biblical, Religious, and Ecclesiastical Literature	4,383	289		289	4,672
Science and Industrial Arts	4,849	409	2	407	5,256
Biography	5,113	385	5	380	5,493
Natural History	1,459	86	1	85	1,544
Fine Arts	1,742	593		593	2,335
Collective Works, Encyclopædias, etc	1,485	82	5	77	1,562
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	2,372	199		199	2,571
Political, Social, and Economic Sciences	3,588	254	1	253	3,841
Poetry, the Drama, Essays, etc	4,773	325	5	320	5,093
Fiction	13,405	832	126	706	14,111
Works in Foreign Languages, not elsewhere classified	2,029	7,010	1	7,009	9,038
Periodicals, bound volumes	5,920	105		105	6,025
Miscellaneous and duplicates	2,939	2		2	2,941
Total	63,609	11,355	171	11,184	74,793

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		63,609
Additions, 1882-83	11,355	
Deduct volumes worn out or sold, as above	171	
		11,184
Total number of volumes now in Library		74,793

The collection of books continues to be made, as it has been from the beginning, on an encyclopædic plan, embracing all departments of thought and research, carefully avoiding all that is prized merely for sumptuousness or rarity. It is proposed to pay special attention in future purchases to scientific works, both theoretical and technical, especially those bearing on manufacturing industries already established in our city.

DONATIONS.

Three hundred and forty-eight volumes, three hundred and four pamphlets, and two hundred and forty-three numbers of serials have been donated to the Library during the past year. The publishers of the Brooklyn Daily *Eagle*, the Brooklyn *Union-Argus*, and the Brooklyn Daily *Times* have supplied the Library with complete bound volumes of their valuable journals. We are also indebted to the Hon. William E. Robinson, M. C., for some valuable public documents. A full list of donors, with the number of volumes donated, is subjoined.

LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY, FROM APRIL 1, 1882, TO APRIL 1, 1883.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos
Abbott (B. V.)	7	1	
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
American Silk Association, New York City		1	
Ames (J. C.), *Sup't Public Documents*, Washington, D. C.		1	
Anonymous	1		
Astor Library, New York		1	
Barnard (Henry)	1		
Batten (*Dr.* John M.), U. S. N	1		
Beard (Daniel C.)	1		
Bergen (Tunis G.)	1		
Boston (City of). *Record Commissioner's Report*	8		
Boston (City of). *Public Library*		5	1
Bowdoin College		1	
Bowen (Clarence W.)	1		
Bridgeport, Ct., *Public Library*		1	
Brockett (*Dr.* L. C.)	3		
Brookline, Mass., *Public Library*		1	
Brooklyn (City of). *Board of Aldermen*	15		
Brooklyn (City of). *Board of Elections*	3	25	
Brooklyn (City of). *Police Department*		1	
Brooklyn Daily Eagle	2		
Brooklyn Daily Times	2		
Brooklyn Daily Union-Argus	2		
Brooklyn. *Home for Consumptives*		1	
Brooklyn. *Methodist Episcopal Church Society*		2	
Brooklyn. *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*		1	
Brown (J. S.)	6		
Buffalo Young Men's Association		1	
Bullinger (E. W.)			3
Chapin (*Hon.* Alfred C.)	2		
Chicago Public Library		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Cincinnati Public Library		3	3
Cincinnati. *Board of Education*	1		
Clarke (Robert) & Co. Cincinnati, Ohio		1	
Cobden Club, (London, England)	1		
Collet (S. D), London, England		30	
Connecticut. *State Board of Education*	1		
Cornell (*Hon.* Alonzo B.)	1		
Cornell University	1	1	2
Cummins (H. Y.)	17		
Dalton (J. G.)	3		
de Peyster (*Gen.* J. Watts)	1	5	2
De Puy (*Rev.* W. H.)	2		
Dewey (Chester P.)	8		
De Witt (Wm. C.)	1		
Dixwell (Geo. Basil)	2		
Donnell (E. J.)		5	
Douglass (J. W)		2	
Everett (Richard J.)	1		
Fleischman (S. L.)	1		
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt		1	
Frothingham (Jas. H.)	3		
German Insurance Co., N. Y. City		1	
Gilbert (Frank)	1		
Haddon (Alex., *M. D.*)		1	
Hall (*Rev.* Chas. H.)		1	
Harlan (Caleb, *M. D.*)	1		
Harvard University		4	1
Holt (Henry) & Co., New York City	1		
Hyatt (Thaddeus)		1	
I. B. & W. R. R. Co		1	
Ibeach (Franklin)	1		
Indianapolis, Ind. *Public Library*		1	
Italy. *Department of Agriculture*	1		
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md	1	9	2
Keese (William L.)		1	
Kings County, N. Y. *Department of Charities*		1	
Koehler (S. R.)		1	
Lenox Library, New York			6
Levi Parsons Library, Gloversville, N. Y	1	4	
Lindsley (David P.)	1		
Liverpool (England). *Free Public Library*		1	
Long Island Historical Society		1	
Low (*Hon.* Seth, Mayor of Brooklyn)	1	1	
McAllister (W. J.)		2	
Maine Historical Society, Portland, Me	5		
Manchester (England) Free Public Libraries		1	
Massachusetts State Library		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Michigan (State of)	1		
Miller (*Mrs.* Olive Thorne)	1		
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library	1		
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		3	
Moffat (John L., *M. D.*)		1	
National Board of Health	3		
New Jersey Historical Society	4		
New Jersey (State of)	2		
New York Bible Society		1	
" Evening Journal		1	
" Historical Society	1		
" Produce Exchange	1		
" Mercantile Library Association		1	
" (Gen. Soc. of Mechanics and Tradesmen of)		2	
" (University of)	14		
" (Young Men's Christian Association of)		1	
" Bar Association		1	
" State ibrary	6		
Norcross (J. E.)	1		
Onderdonk (Henry, Jr.)	16	5	
Palmer (Wm. Pitt)	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md		1	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass			1
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library			1
Philadelphia (Bank of North America of)	1		
" (Library Co. of)		1	
" (Mercantile Library of)		1	
" (New Church Association of)		1	
" (Women's Medical College of)		1	
Phillips (Barnet)	1		
Poole (William F.)		1	
Pratt (Charles) & Co	1		
Pray (Joseph M.)	5		
Providence Public Library		3	
Putnam (Harrington)	1	1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I		1	
Religious Society of Friends (N. Y.)	2		
Robinson (S.)	1		
Robinson (*Hon.* W. E., *M. C.*)	8	2	
Ropes (Ripley)		31	
St. Louis (City of) Pub. Society Library Bulletins		1	
St. Louis (Mercantile Library Association of)		1	
San Francisco (Cal.) *Free Public Library*	1		
" (Odd Fellows Library Association of)		1	
Schetter (H.)	5		
Schirmer (G.)	1		8
Sedarté (N. M., *pseud.*)	2		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Shearman (Thomas G.)		1	
Sheridan (*Lieut.-Gen.* Phil. H.)	1		
Silliman (Augustus E.)	1		
Smithsonian Institute	4	15	
Society for Ruptured and Crippled, N. Y. City		1	
Somers (J. B)		3	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association		1	
Stillwell (William H.)		1	
Strong (H. A.)		1	
Thwing (E. P.)	1		
Titcomb (Sarah E.)	1		
Toner (*Dr.* J. M.)	1		
Trustees James Lick Trust, Mt. Hamilton, Cal		1	
Union League Club, New York		1	
United States *Bureau of Education*		34	
" *Bureau of Statistics*		3	
" *Chief of Engineers*	1		
" *Census Bureau*	1		
" *Commissioner of Agriculture*	5	7	
" *Department of Engineers*	3		
" *Department of the Interior*	69	23	40
" *Department of the Navy*	3	2	
" *Department of State*	1	2	
" *Department of the Treasury*	3	1	
" *Department of War*	8	12	
" *Mint*	1		
" *Patent Office*	1	2	38
" *Surgeon General's Office*	1		
Université Laval, Quebec, Ontario		1	
Vanderbilt (*Mrs.* Gertrude L.)	1		
Warwick (*Mrs.* C.)	2		11
Washington University, St. Louis, Mo		1	
White (Wm. Augustus)	41	24	99
Wilkin (Robert J.)	1		
Williams (William)	1		
Woodward (William S.)	1		
Woolworth (C. C.)	2		
Worcester (Mass). *Free Public Library*		1	
Yale College		3	
Totals	351	304	243

The increased attendance in the Reading Room during the past year has been the subject of general remark, and desiring to increase their usefulness, we have enlarged the list of periodicals and newspapers materially, giving special atten-

tion to those published in large business centres, South and West, and to professional and technological journals. We aim also to have on our file every periodical published in this city.

We ought to add further to our list of foreign periodicals, since they are not only much read when new, but when bound are of permanent value for reference. A very large proportion of the literature of the time is published in periodicals; and indexes like Poole's, which show just where to look for articles bearing on any given subject, greatly enhance the value of this department of the Library. This Library stands twelfth in the extent of its contributions to the third edition, recently published, of Mr. Poole's Index; the whole number of co-operating libraries having been fifty.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the past year 1,013 new annual members have been enrolled, and 858 subscriptions have been discontinued, leaving the membership of the Library at the close of the year, as nearly as can be known, as follows:

Annual members (who have paid to April 1, 1883) at $5	1,984
Extra annual subscriptions of $3	237
Permanent members by payment of $500	285
Life members by payment of $100, and by conversion of permanent memberships	562
Original life members at $50	39
Total membership	3,107

This shows a gain of 160 annual members, 51 permanent members and 41 life members, with one less original life member at $50. We record the gain in annual members with especial satisfaction, as it shows a substantial development in the work of the Library, beside bringing with it a positive increase to its income. Classes were organized in French under Professor L. J. Simonin; in Spanish, under Mme. Ramirez; in Phonography, under Professor T. J. Ellinwood; in German, Professor Deghuee, and in Elocution,

under Professor W. M. Jelliffe. The net receipts from all the classes for the year have been $310.08.

BRANCHES.

The local deliveries at drug stores in various parts of the city have been continued. It is believed that the increased membership nearly covers the expense of delivery. This system meets a public want, and if it were more widely known would certainly be more widely used. The Library cannot afford to pay much for advertising, and must look to its friends for an increase of membership.

The Library belonging to the Eastern District Library Association was sold at auction last summer. Through the kind generosity of an ever liberal friend of this Library $1,500 was given for the specific purpose of buying books at the sale and establishing a branch reading room in the Eastern District. The directors of the Eastern District Library Association met our advances in a friendly spirit, and agreed to pay the rent of a suitable room. A considerable number of books were purchased, and rooms were taken at 36 Fourth street, which were opened to the public in October last.

Although, as yet, the enterprise is not on a self-sustaining basis, yet it is gaining in membership steadily. What is needed there is an addition of about 1,000 volumes of the best recent literature. Now that Mr. Noyes has completed his bulletin, the selection of these books will be the next thing taken in hand.

In this connection the Board of Directors wish to extend their special thanks to Mr. George H. Fisher, for the intelligent and untiring assistance he has rendered in the establishment of library facilities in the Eastern District. We trust that the branch thus planted may take root and flourish perennially.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the year a beginning has been made in the formation of a musical library, which has been found a useful

feature by members. The works of the leading classical composers were purchased, and also some four and eight-hand music for the piano. The expense to the Library has not been large, and the use by members has been very considerable. It certainly seems legitimate for us to recognize the fact that an important part of recent development in civilization and culture has found expression in music.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The Board of Directors have considered that quite a saving in expense and trouble would result if the dues of annual members were made payable semi-annually instead of quarterly. The labor of addressing several thousand bills of only $1.25 each, and afterward collecting, receipting for and crediting, is very considerable. The change, if approved by the members, will take effect on the 1st of next September, and hereafter the financial year of the Board of Directors will be identical with that of the Board of Trustees, both ending on the 1st of March.

HOW TO ENLARGE THE SPHERE OF THE LIBRARY.

One more subject calls for remark at this time. His Honor the Mayor of our city, in a lecture delivered at the Adelphi Academy on the 11th of January last, after paying a compliment to our institution in general, expressed the wish that it might some day become a free public library, and further said: "The Trustees of the Library own to-day property of so much value that, in consenting to throw it open to the public use, on the condition that the public should support it, they might not unreasonably or unsuccessfully maintain the right to control the destinies of the Library in its management."

Nothing could be more satisfactory to those who have contributed to make the Brooklyn Library what it is than to see the sphere of its usefulness enlarged and extended, and the suggestion of the Mayor is entirely in harmony with

the general purpose that has so far prevailed. Few indeed could be found to deny the great educational and elevating influence such an institution, rightly conducted, would exert upon the community, but any change that is made should be on a financial basis so strong as to insure success. The work that the Library is already doing is too valuable to imperil it for any doubtful experiment. As has already been stated, the Library is at present in need of a further yearly income of $5,000 to $8,000 to enable it to do its present work properly. When that is obtained, we shall doubtless be found ready and desirous to consider the further enlargement of our field of labor.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board of Directors,

W. A. WHITE,
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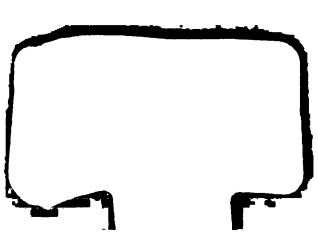
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To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees present the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 29, 1884:

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 28, 1883		$10,312 86
	Endowment Fund Subscription		7,000 00
	Interest on Deposit		340 14
	Gross Income from Library Building		12 00
	" " No. 193 Montague street		2,649 96
	" " No. 201 " "		3,590 00
			$23,904 96
Dr.	General Expense Account	$311 86	
	Expense Account No. 193 Montague street.	104 36	
	" " No. 201 "	181 96	
	Investment, Mortgage and Interest	7,060 67	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz:		
	Income of White Fund	1,500 00	
	" Martin Fund	600 00	
	" Cary Bequest	300 00	
	" General Funds	3,295 75	
	Appropriation for Books	2,353 75	
	" for Binding	1,708 83	
	" for Repairs	3,933 92	
			21,351 10
	Balance February 29, 1884		$2,553 86

THE ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Department of City Works, Water Rates	$66 00
American Bank Note Company, Printing Certificates	39 50
Fire Insurance Premium	61 35
Law Expenses, Examining Titles, etc.	145 01
	$311 86

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$2,649 96
Less Gas	$22 05	
Repairs	16 06	
Commissions	66 25	
		104 36
Balance net income		$2,545 60

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected, including item of $100 arrears heretofore in suit		$3,590 00
Less Gas	$30 30	
Repairs	64 41	
Commissions	87 25	
		181 96
Balance net income		$3,408 04

The present rent-roll is $6,290. There are no vacant offices, and no arrears of present tenants. An additional sum of $12 has been received for the occasional use of rooms in the Library Building, as appears elsewhere.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

Dr.	Balance February 28, 1883		$994 50
	General Expenses, as per statement		311 86
	Payments to James L. Morgan, Jr., Treasurer, viz. :		
	For Income of Special Funds		2,400 00
	For Income of General Funds		3,295 75
			$7,002 11
Cr.	Balance Income Account, No. 193 Montague st.	$2,545 60	
	" " " No. 201 Montague st.	3,408 04	
	" " " Library Building	12 00	
	Interest received on Deposits	340 14	
			6,305 78
Dr.	Balance February 29, 1884		$696 33

NOTE—The above balance represents Insurance Premium paid in advance to March 1 and December 28, 1886, on the various property of the Library.

Additional collections to the amount of $7,000 have been made during the year for account of the Permanent Endowment Fund Subscription, increasing the total collection to $82,425. Further appropriations and payments, pursuant to the conditions of the subscription, have been made as follows :

For Purchase of Books	$2,353 75
Binding	1,708 83
Repairs and Alterations of Library Building	3,933 92
Mortgage Investment	7,060 67

To represent the amounts drawn from the Permanent Endowment Fund Subscription for permanent investment other than those represented by the White Fund and Martin Fund, the sum of $15,500 has been transferred to the General Fund of the Library, increasing it to $30,617.60, and there consequently remains unappropriated of the Permanent Endowment Fund Subscription the sum of $2,310.86.

THE MORTGAGE INVESTMENT represents a first mortgage on improved real estate on Hanson place valued at $11,000.

THE BALANCE SHEET of the Trustees is as follows:

Cash	$2,553 86	
Investment Account	600 00	
Mortgage Investment	7,060 67	
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague street	37,000 00	
" Library	151,863 45	
" No. 201 Montague street	32,814 76	
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
General Income Account	696 33	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		30,617 60
Endowment Fund Subscription, Balance		2,310 86
Art Fund		1,000 00
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
	$243,676 96	$243,676 96

The insurances upon the Library Property are unchanged in amount, but by reason of substituting new policies in certain cases, the termination of $20,000 is extended to December 28, 1886. The remainder runs to March 1, 1886.

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc.	70,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague street	20,000 00
Total	$197,500 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1884.

Examined and found correct,

JAMES P. WALLACE,
ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN, } *Auditing Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer.* *In Account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

To Balance, March 27, 1883			$490 42
" Receipts from Annual Members :—			
Initiation Fees	$914 00		
Dues	10,292 93		
			11,206 93
To Receipts from Board of Trustees :—			
Current Income of Martin Fund	600 00		
" " " White "	1,500 00		
" " " General "	3,295 75		
" " " Cary Bequest	300 00		
		5,695 75	
Appropriation for Books	2,353 75		
" " Binding	1,708 83		
" " Repairs to Building	3,933 92		
		7,996 50	13,692 25
To Receipts from Trustees of Cary Fund for Books selected by them			274 22
To Receipts from Classes :—			
Phonography		252 79	
French		44 00	
Spanish		10 00	
German		28 00	
			334 79
To Receipts from sale of Books and Periodicals			50 32
Receipts from sale of Catalogues		255 64	
" " " " Bulletins		12 89	
			268 53
To Donation for Book Purchases			1,000 00
Sundries (Interest $16.61)			65 71
			$27,383 17

By Payments for Salaries		$9,346 08
Books		5,098 66
Periodicals		1,686 26
Binding		1,925 73
Stationery and Printing		361 35
Light		969 68
Fuel		604 26
Bulletins and Advertising		903 23
Building and Fixtures		4,143 18
Janitorial		1,362 96
Incidentals		358 58
Delivery to Branches		144 60
By Balance, Cash in Brooklyn Trust Co.	429 03	
" " " " Hands of Librarian	49 57	
		478 60
		$27,383 17

E. & O. E. BROOKLYN, March 27, 1884.

JAS. L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer.*

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Library was held in the Ladies' Reading Room of the Library on Thursday evening, March 27th, 1884, the President, Mr. William Augustus White, in the Chair.

At the suggestion of the President, in the absence of Mr. S. B. Chittenden, Jr., the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Frank Lyman was asked to act as Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., read his report, which was duly accepted on motion.

Then followed the reading of the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Directors by the President, Mr. White, who closed by inviting the attention of the members to some historical reminiscences by Mr. James P. Wallace, the reputed father and constant friend of the Library.

Before hearing Mr. Wallace's address, the President's report was, on motion of Mr. J. H. Frothingham, unanimously adopted, and the usual number of copies directed to be printed for the use of the members.

After the reading of Mr. Wallace's Reminiscences (for the text of which see pages 26 to 35 of this Report), the Rev. Dr. Farley, who had been mentioned by Mr. Wallace as furthering the early development of the Library, was invited by the President to supplement Mr. Wallace's interesting paper.

Dr. Farley began by telling of the deep interest he had always felt in the concerns of the Library during the last quarter of a century. He proceeded to describe the chance which had brought the affairs of the Library into the able hands of Mr. S. B. Noyes, and how it happened that it was the speaker's good fortune to introduce him to the Directors some twenty-five years since. Dr. Farley then paid a handsome tribute to the services which Mr. Noyes had rendered the Library, through his untiring industry and skill, commending in the highest terms the excellent catalogue which entitled him to the gratitude of all lovers of books; a catalogue which to every worker in the field of literature must, by its systematic arrangement and extensive analytic annotations, be of great service.

Dr. Farley concluded his remarks by an allusion to the small balance shown by the report of the Treasurer. He felt that the time had come when a fresh demand should be made on the community to again come forward and place the Library on a more substantial financial footing. It was a disgrace, he said, that in a city of Brooklyn's size, force, and importance, so useful an institution should be crippled by insufficient means, and he suggested, in conclusion, that an effort in this direction should be made to-night, which, he felt assured, would meet with the same generous response that had met a similar appeal in the days described by Mr. Wallace.

The President, Mr. White, remarked that he felt that the Board of Directors were alive to the needs and claims of the Library, but he doubted the expediency of pressing them on the community at the present time owing to the existing depression in business; he hoped, however, that a favorable occasion would soon present itself. He then suggested that, as Dr. Farley had spoken for older members, some younger man should be heard from, and called upon Mr. R. R. Bowker to say something in their behalf.

Mr. Bowker spoke of the valuable work done by the Library, and humorously suggested that the chief risk was that the city might be made too proud and become light-headed if the old rate of advance were maintained. That Brooklyn had already identified itself with many valued progressive movements—she was proud of her Mayor, the Bridge, and had much to hold up to her sister city for imitation. He spoke then of the catalogue, which occupied a unique place among similar productions, and said the second volume had come to him as a boon while carrying on his work abroad. It was the key that in its line had unlocked many difficult problems, and served to stimulate the attacking of others.

Mr. Bowker further spoke of how the uniformly able and catholic selection of books, made under the direction of Mr. Noyes, had largely contributed to the value of the catalogue, and given it its typical position. That the aim had been to construct a library representing each and all departments, and that the choice and selections had been broad and judicious, and not special or one sided.

That the building, moreover, was commodious and well suited to its members' needs. The already important work so well begun should be further extended, and the people trained to appreciate the value of a great Public Library, and this should be the present aim of the direction, so that when the time arrived the Library might be turned over to the public in the strongest condition possible.

Mr. Bowker ventured to hope, in conclusion, that the Library would be fitly represented at the joint convention to be held this summer at Toronto by the English and American Library Associations.

The Chair then invited remarks from any one else, and Mr. Wallace spoke briefly on the subject of a Public Free Library. That desirable as this might be, he did not wish the impression to go abroad that the Directors sought to turn over to the city the trust that had devolved on them. That the members had privileges and enjoyments which in the event of the Library becoming a public institution, would have to be surrendered, and that the change would involve some sacrifice to most of the present membership.

The Chair stated that undoubtedly the transfer to the city, when made, must be done at some personal sacrifice to the present members, but if it were shown that a greater good were rendered to a greater number he had no doubt the sacrifice would be cordially made.

On motion of Mr. Frothingham, a vote of thanks to Mr. Wallace for his interesting and valuable historical sketch was passed, and the meeting then adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Library the Board of Directors herewith submit their Annual Report of the work done during the past year and the present condition of the Library.

The use of the Library by its members has been very satisfactory, and there has been a steady gain both in the quantity and quality of work done by the Institution. There has also been a moderate gain in the number of members and of receipts from membership, but the Board still feels that the greatest need of the Institution is its use by a greater number of members. There are thousands of families in Brooklyn to whom the Library would be worth in the way of information, education, and relaxation, more than the cost of membership, and whose pecuniary support would add greatly to the strength and attractiveness of the Library, but who neither help nor are helped by the Library. Its work ought to be nearly doubled among those who can afford to pay for the use of its privileges.

To bring about this result and overcome this inertia on the part of the great outside public, the present members could, if they would, contribute very materially by using their personal influence to interest others in the Institution.

CIRCULATION.

Taking up the Library work in detail the circulation of books for home reading during the year ending December 31, 1883, has been, as compared with the previous year:

	1882. Volumes.	1883. Volumes.
First quarter	27,828	30,951
Second quarter	24,053	27,637
Third quarter	17,871	19,161
Fourth quarter	25,542	25,920
Total for the year	95,294	103,669

These figures show a gain for the year in circulation of 8,375 volumes over the preceding year. Since the expiration of the calendar year the two months of January and February show a circulation this year of 20,847 volumes as against 19,831 volumes last year.

The largest number of volumes put in circulation on any one day was 682 on February 17th; the smallest 77, on May 24th.

The circulation is always lightest in the summer months; it goes on increasing through the Autumn and Winter till it reaches it maximum in Spring, to be followed again by its minimum in Summer.

As between the days of the week Saturday is always the busiest, averaging fifty per cent. more than the others—Monday comes next.

The average number of books taken out by each member during the year was 33. The use of the Library by the annual members is more active than by the Permanent and Life Members, and would doubtless average, except in July and August, a book a week to each annual member.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use of books in the Library for reference is fully as important a feature of the Library's work as the home reading. Last Summer shelves were erected on two sides of the Library hall, on which were placed for direct access by members such books of reference as are most frequently wanted, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, bound volumes of Brooklyn and New York newspapers, etc. This change has been found a great convenience by members, and has been liberally availed of, as the condition of the binding of some of the books eloquently testifies. The total number of books consulted in the Library is estimated at 52,000, making a total use in circulation and reference of 155,000 volumes during the year, exclusive of the use of periodicals and newspapers in the Reading Room.

It is the aim of the Directors to maintain for the Library the reputation it has won of being one of the best "working" Libraries in the country; that is to say, a Library where men, who have literary work to do, can do it to the best ad-

vantage. It is a great advantage to our Library for this purpose that it is made available and accessible by its printed catalogue, supplemented annually by several bulletins of additions. The continual testimony on the part of other libraries to the usefulness of our catalogue certainly proves that both the selection of the books and the plan of the catalogue were wisely made.

BINDING AND BULLETINS.

During the year, 482 volumes have been added to the Library by binding up periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, etc., and 2,656 volumes have been re-bound. The total expenditure for binding has been $1,925.73. Nearly all the files of the Brooklyn newspapers have now been bound, and these important depositories of local history are now made safe and accessible. The more important New York newspapers ought also to be bound up for preservation as well as facility of reference, but the income of the Library is so limited that much very desirable work has to be left undone, because it is pecuniarily entirely unremunerative.

The number of volumes covered during the year was 12,610.

Bulletin No. 18 of additions to the Library was published December 1st, and Bulletin No. 19 March 1st. They embrace to a certain extent notes and comments on the more important books. The bulletins have been sent free to all members and to several thousand non-members, at a total cost of about $700.

The problem of attracting the attention of people to the advantages offered by the Library without going to undue expense is a serious one. The Library Committee has thought the free circulation of these bulletins the cheapest and best form of advertising.

Members who desire more information about books or on any literary subject than is given in the Catalogue and Bulletins, will always find the Librarian ready and happy to assist them.

The additions to the Library have been in detail :

BOOKS.	Number of Volumes, March 29, 1883.	Additions, 1883-84.	Worn out and sold, 1883-84.	Net additions, 1883-84.	Total number of volumes, March 25, 1884.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	10,311	824	9	815	11,126
Biblical, Religious, and Ecclesiastical Literature	4,672	348	4	344	5,016
Science and Industrial Arts	5,256	478	5	473	5,729
Biography	5,493	411	3	408	5,901
Natural History	1,544	105	1	104	1,648
Fine Arts	2,335	146	1	145	2,480
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc	1,562	193	1	192	1,754
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	2,571	303		303	2,874
Political, Social, and Economic Sciences	3,841	401		401	4,242
Poetry, the Drama, Essays, etc	5,093	462	8	454	5,547
Fiction	14,111	1,387	191	1,196	15,307
Works in Foreign Languages, not elsewhere classified	9,038	242	2	240	9,278
Periodicals, bound volumes	6,025	217		217	6,242
Miscellaneous and duplicates	2,941	72		72	3,013
Total	74,793	5,589	225	5,364	80,157

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		74,793
Additions, 1883-84	5,589	
Deduct volumes worn out or sold, as above	225	5,364
Total number of volumes now in Library		80,157
Out of the net additions	5,364	
There were volumes donated	543	
Volumes obtained by binding periodicals	482	1,025
Number of volumes added by purchase at an expense of $5,098.66		4,339

The collection of books continues to be made, as it has been from the beginning, on an encyclopedic plan, embracing all departments of thought and research, yet avoiding all that is valued only for sumptuousness or rarity. In the department of fiction the endeavor of the Librarian is that no undesirable book shall be admitted, and he would be thankful to members if they would call his attention to any book that seems to them objectionable.

DONATIONS.

Among the principal individual donors to the Library during the past year, in point of number of volumes, are Mr. L. E. Jones, the late Ebenezer Thayer, Dr. L. P. Brockett, Dr. Eugene Crowell, Mr. Thomas S. Moore, and Mr. Henry Onderdonk, Jr. To Hon. Darwin R. James and Hon. Wm. E. Robinson we are indebted for the gift of valuable public documents, and the publishers of the *Eagle*, the *Union*, and the *Times*, of this city, have continued to favor us with bound files of those most important publications.

LIST OF DONORS—1883–84.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Abbott (Benj. V.)	3		
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement		1	
American Bible Society, New York		1	
" Canoe Association, New York	2		
" Colonization Society, Washington, D. C	1	14	4
" Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
" Missionary Association, New York		1	
" Numismatic Society, New York		1	
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass	2	1	
Astor Library, New York		1	
Baldwin (O. S.), Brooklyn, N. Y	1		
Baltimore Bar Library	1		
" (City of)	1		
Baxter (J. N.)	3		
Baylis (A. B.)	9		73
Beloit College		2	
Bennett (Alvah D.)			3
Bishop (Jas.) Chief of Bureau of Statistics, Trenton, N. J.	5		
Boston Public Library	1	7	
" Record Commissioners	2		
Bowdoin College Library		2	
Bradstreet Press and Bindery, New York		1	
Bridgeport, Ct. *Public Library*		2	
Brockett (*Dr.* L. P.)		48	
Brookline, Mass. *Public Library*		1	
Brooklyn (City of). *Board of Aldermen*	3		
——— ——— *Bureau of Charities*		5	
——— ——— *Board of Education*	10		
——— ——— *Board of Elections*	2		
——— ——— *Comptroller's Office*	3		
——— ——— *Fire Department*		1	
——— ——— *Police Department*		1	
——— *Art Association*		40	

		Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Brooklyn	*Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor*		10	
———	*Children's Aid Society*		20	
———	*City Hospital*		9	
———	*Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
———	*Home for Aged Men*		3	
———	*Home for Consumptives*		1	
———	*Orphan Asylum*		21	
———	*Packer Institute*	1		
———	*Polytechnic Institute*	1	17	
———	*Preparatory School*		1	
———	*Rembrandt Club*		1	
———	*Republican General Committee*		4	
———	*Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		3	
———	*Society for Relief of Aged, etc., Females*		15	
———	*South Brooklyn Employment Society*		3	
———	*Union for Christian Work*		1	
———	*Woman's Dispensary and Hospital*		1	
Brooklyn Daily Eagle		2		
Brooklyn Daily Times		1		
Brooklyn Daily Union-Argus		2		
Butler (*Rev.* J. G., *D.D.*)		3		
Campbell (*Mrs.* H. S.)		1		
Carr (Jos. B.) New York Secretary of State		1		
Carso (*Miss* Fanny)		1		
Carter (James C.), New York			1	
Cary (Edward)			1	
Chadwick (*Rev.* John W.)		1		
Chicago Public Library			3	
Chittenden (*Hon.* S. B.)		1		
Cincinnati (City of). *Board of Education*		2		
Cincinnati (City of). *Public Library*		1		2
Cincinnati Mercantile Library Association			1	
Clarke (Wm. H.)		1		
Cleveland Public Library		1	7	2
Columbia, S. C. *Department of Agriculture*				1
Cooper Union, New York			9	
Cornell University			1	
Cowley (*Hon.* Chas.), Lowell, Mass.		1		
Crowell (*Dr.* Eugene)		50		
Depew (Chauncey M.)			1	
Dewey (Chester P.)		16	22	
Dickinson (J. C.)		2		
Dixwell (Geo. Basil), Boston, Mass.		1		
Domett (H. W.)			12	
East Hampton, Mass. *Public Library Association*			1	
Edison Company, New York		1		
Ellis (John, *M. D.*), New York		1		
Engler (Edward A.), New York			2	
Fairman (Ch. G.), *Supt. Ins., New York State*		3		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Fall River, Mass. *Public Library*	1		
Filmer (John)			2
Financial Reform Association, London, England		1	
Ford (Washington C.)	5		
Foster (Wm. E.), Providence, R. I.	1		
Freyer (*Dr.* Alfred C.)	1		
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York	1	1	
General Theological Library, Boston		6	
Guthrie (Malcolm), Liverpool, England	1		
Halifax (Nova Scotia). Library		1	
Harris Institute, Woonsocket, R. I.—Mrs. Ellen M. Bosworth, Librarian	1		
Harvard University	1	3	21
Hazard (Thomas R.), Vaucluse, R. I.	1		
Helleberg (C. G.), Cincinnati, O.	1		
Herries (Wm.)	1		
Hewitt (*Hon.* Abram S.)	1	1	
Hochart (E.)	1		
Homans (B.), New York	1		
Homes (Henry A.), Albany, N. Y.		1	
Hubbard (Oliver P.), New York		1	
Hutchins (Alex., *M. D.*)		1	
Independent (The), New York		1	
Indian Right Association, Philadelphia		1	
Indianapolis, Ind. *Board of Education*		1	
Iowa (State of)		1	
Italy. *Department of Agriculture*	1		
James (*Hon.* Darwin R.)	5	2	
Jenkins (Wm. R.), New York			16
John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md			1
Jones (Alfred), Germantown, Pa		1	
Jones (L. E.)	70	180	
Jones (R. McKean)		2	
Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Wm. Sims, Sec'y	1		
Keese (Wm. L.)	2		
Kentucky Polytechnic Society, Louisville		1	
Kingsley (Wm. C.)	1		
Koop (Herman)	1		
Kurtz (D. Morris), Ithaca, N. Y		1	
Lancaster (Mass.) Town Library		1	
Leavitt (Geo. A.) & Co., New York		1	
Letchworth (Wm. P.), Albany, N. Y.		1	
Lewis (David M.)	1		
Leypoldt (F.), New York	1		
Lintner (J. A.)	1		
Liverpool (England) *Free Public Library*		1	
Low (*Hon.* Seth)	1		
McDanolds (James S.), N. J. State Librarian	3		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Manchester (England). *Free Public Libraries*	1	1	
Manchester, N. H. *City Library*		2	
Marble (Mortimer)	2		
Marietta College		1	
Massachusetts State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.		2	
" State Library		1	
May (Geo. Thos.), New York	2		
Meade (Geo.), U. S. A		1	
Merriam (Aug. C.)		1	
Michigan Horticultural Society	10		
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library, per K. A. Linderfelt, Librarian	1		
Minnesota (University of)	1		
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		1	
Moffat (*Dr.* J. L.)		2	
Moffat (*Dr.* R. C)		1	
Moore (Thos. S.)	48		
Morse (Richard C.) Secretary of N. Y. Y. M. C. A		1	
Munsell (W. W.), New York	1		
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library		1	
New Church Publishing Society, New York	12		
New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston		1	
New Jersey, per Geo. H. Cook, State Geologist	3	9	
New Orleans Times-Democrat		1	
New York Produce Exchange	1		
" Mercantile Library Association		3	
Apprentices' Library		1	
Historical Society	1		
" Society for the Ruptured and Crippled		1	
" Society for the Suppression of Vice		1	
New York (State of). *Adjutant General*	1		
" " *State Charities Aid Association*		27	
" " *Secretary of State*	28		
" " *Insurance Department*	1		
New York and New Jersey Telephone Co		1	
Noyes (Stephen B.)	1		
Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Philadelphia		1	
Oakland, California, Superintendent of Public Instruction		1	
Odd Fellows Library Association, San Francisco, Cal		1	
Ohio Mechanics' Institute, Cincinnati			1
Onderdonk (Henry, Jr.), Jamaica, L. I	1	32	
Otterson (*Dr.* J. C.)	2		
Pacini (*Dr.* Phillippe), per A. H. Studwell		3	
Patterson (Calvin) Sup't Public Instruction, Brooklyn	1	1	
Payson (S. T.)	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass		1	
Pennsylvania (University of), Philadelphia		2	
Peoria, Ill., Public Library	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Perkins (Fred. B.), San Francisco, Cal		1	
Perkins (Thos. A.)	1		
Perry (Timothy)	1		
Philadelphia Library Co.		1	
" Mercantile Library		3	
Phillip's Exeter Academy		1	
Pike (*Col.* Nicholas)	7		
Portland, Oregon, Library Association		3	
Pray (Joseph M.)	1		
Princeton College		1	
Providence, R. I. (City of)	1		
" Athenæum		1	
" Public Library		3	
Quebec (Ontario) Literary and Historical Society		1	
Quincy (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Ramirez (*Prof.* C.)		2	
Raymond (*Dr.* C. H.)		2	
Raymond (*Dr.* J. H.)		1	
Robinson (*Hon.* Wm. E.)	5		
Rochester, N. Y., (University of)		3	
Root & Tinker, New York		1	1
Rutgers' College, New Brunswick, N. J		14	
St. Ignatius' College, San Francisco, Cal		1	
St. Louis (City of). Public School Library		3	1
St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Co		1	
San Francisco (Cal.) *Free Public Library*		1	
San Francisco (Cal.) *Mechanics Institute*	1		
Seventh Day Adventist Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Mich	19	421	12
Sherwell (*Dr.* S.)		1	
Shortt (Wm. A.)	1		2
Signet Library, Edinburgh, Scotland	2		
Simonin (*Prof.* L. J.)	1	2	
Slocum (F.)	1		
Slote (Daniel) & Co., New York	1		
Smithmeyer (T. L.), Washington, D. C		1	
Smithsonian Institute	7	2	
Snively (*Rev.* Wm. A.)	1		
Stephenson (*Dr.* F. B., *U. S. N.*)	2		
Thayer (Ebenezer)	29		
Thompson (Hubert O.), *Com'r Public Works, N. Y.*	1		
Thwing, (*Rev. Dr.* E. P.)	5		
Toledo (City of). *Public Library*		1	
Tucker (Gilbert M.), Albany, N. Y		2	
United States *Bureau of Education*		7	1
" *Bureau of Statistics*		1	2
" *Bureau of Agriculture*		2	
" *Chief of Engineers*	1		
" *Department of the Interior*	35	3	1

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" *Department of State*	3	12	1
" *Department of the Treasury*	3	3	
" *Department of War*	9	1	5
" *Library of Congress*	2	1	
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" *Pension Office*	1		
" *Surgeon-General's Office*	2		
Université Laval, Quebec, Ontario		1	
Unknown	1		
Vanderbilt (*Mrs.* Gertrude L.), Flatbush, L. I		15	
Virginia (University of). Richmond, Va		1	
Wallace (James P.)	2		
Walters (W. T.), Baltimore, Md	1		
Warner (James D.)	1		
Washington, D. C. Assembly's Presbyterian Church		1	
West (*Prof.* Chas. E.)	1		
Wheldon (John), London, England		2	
White (W. A.)	1		
Wickes (Stephen, *M. D.*), Philadelphia	1		
Wilcox (H. K. W.)	4		
Williams College		1	
Windsor Library Association		1	
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Yale College		3	
Zabriskie (John L.)	1		
Total	543	1,153	207

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year ending March 1, 1884, 1,486 new annual members have been enrolled, and 1,321 subscriptions have been discontinued, leaving the membership of the Library on the 1st of March as follows:

Annual members (who have paid to March 1, 1884)	2,038
Extra annual subscriptions at $3	263
Life members by payment of $100	570
" " $50	41
Permanent members by payment of $500	288
Total membership	3,200

This shows a total gain over last year of—

Annual members	54
Extra annual subscriptions at $3	26
Life members	10
Permanent members	3
Total	93

The gain in receipts from membership over the same twelve months in the year previous is $796.79.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, which was formerly made up to the date of the annual meeting, is now for the first time made up only to the 1st of March, so as to make hereafter the financial year of the Board of Directors coterminous with that of the Board of Trustees.

CLASSES.

Classes have been carried on in French under the charge of Prof. L. J. Simonin; German under Prof. J. Deghuee; Spanish under Prof. Ramirez, and Phonography under Prof. T. J. Ellinwood. The resulting net income to the Library from all the classes has been $334.79.

BRANCHES.

The local deliveries at drug stores in various parts of the city have been continued. This system is found very useful by our members who reside at a distance from the Library, but it has not resulted in bringing in as many new members as was hoped. Members who now find these deliveries a convenience would help put this system on a firmer footing if they would call the attention of their friends to the matter. As already stated, the Library cannot afford to spend much money on advertising.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

There has been a steady growth in the use of this Branch. The number of readers there for each month last year was—

January	719
February	702
March	969
April	863
May	679
June	811
July	631
August	537
September	956
October	1,143
November	1,024
December	1,112
Total	10,226

The number of members subscribing through this Branch is about 180. With a little effort on the part of the present members it ought to be feasible to increase this number to 300, which would put the Branch on a self-sustaining footing. The receipts from this Branch have been $771.63. The expenses on the part of this Library have been about $900, exclusive of expenditure for books. The rent of the room is met by the Brooklyn Library Association of the Eastern District, and for the ensuing year is at the rate of $480 per annum.

THE BUILDING.

During the past summer, additional shelving for 20,000 volumes was put up in the Library, the wood-work of the Library Hall painted, and the ceiling and walls, that had been left unfinished since the building was occupied, were decorated. The work was done under the supervision of Mr. Holland C. Anthony, architect. Although causing considerable inconvenience at the time to the regular Library work, the Library was kept open to members through it all, excepting for two days and a half, when the floors were being varnished. The total expense was about $4,000.

The only improvements that are in contemplation for this summer will cost from $1,000 to $1,500. When these are made there will be no occasion for any unusual outlay on the building for several years, beyond what is necessary to make good the ordinary wear and tear. It is estimated that the number of people who enter the building daily is about seven hundred.

In order to understand clearly the financial position of the Library, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, which you have heard, needs to be supplemented by some information as to the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

The invested funds of the Library are in the control of the Board of Trustees, who pay over the *income* derived from them to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors. These funds are at present invested about as follows:

$70,000	in the adjacent Office Buildings, yielding a net return annually of about	$5,630
12,000	in Bond and Mortgage on Brooklyn Real Estate	670
2,000	on deposit in the Brooklyn Trust Company	40
$84,000	Total principal. Total income	$6,340
	The receipts from annual members are about	12,000
	The receipts from classes and other sources	360
	Total actual income	$18,700

The expenses of the Library, to do its work adequately, are:

Salaries (including the E. D. Branch)	$9,000
Periodicals and newspapers	1,500
Binding	1,000
Gas, fuel and water	2,500
Maintenance of building and furniture	800
Janitor and cleaning	1,500
Insurance	500
Maintaining Branches	700
Stationery, postage, bulletins, advertising and miscellaneous	900
	$18,400
Books, *at least*	5,000
Total expenditure	$23,400
Income	18,700
Estimated annual deficit	$4,700

According to the terms of the subscription, on which $82,425 has been collected during the past two years, $10,000 was to be set aside for repairing and completing the building, and $10,000 for book purchases. The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees shows that during the past two years he has paid over to the Directors $8,581.09 for the former purpose, and $10,057.87 for the latter. Now that this source of supply has been exhausted, the Directors must again face the question of obtaining funds for the necessary book purchases. In order to meet the pressing demands that are made upon us, we *must* invest annually in books from $5,000 to $8,000, and we could spend advantageously $20,000 a year, which for the principal Library in a city of the size and intelligence of Brooklyn does not seem a very large sum.

If it prove impossible to raise an Endowment Fund, the interest on which will enable us to make the necessary book purchases, *we must at least have an absolute donation of* $40,000 or $50,000 to be expended principal and interest in books, which would enable us to meet fairly the requirements of the situation for the next ten years. It is of the utmost importance to the well-being of a library that its growth should be regular, symmetrical, and homogeneous. Alternations of activity and torpidity are extremely undesirable. While ever strengthening its foundations in the literature of the past, we must also steadily add at the top what the present supplies of value. We are building for the future as well as for our own use, and much of the work a Library does has a future rather than a present value. It must all the time be acquiring and preserving books, pamphlets and periodicals that will seldom be called for, but when they are wanted, are wanted badly, and can only be looked for in a public library.

The work that has been outlined is only what is pressing and imperatively necessary. How much greater would be the utility and the influence of the Library if it could be made a great Public Free Library scarcely needs saying, but unfortunately a great deal of money would be necessary to produce this consummation—the income on a million dollars at least. At present the city spends $1,000,000 a year on its public schools, but who can doubt that that money is well spent, that the city as a whole has received a full return in a more intelligent, orderly and useful population than it would otherwise have possessed? Does not the expenditure for public schools ultimately *lessen* rather than increase the rate of taxation? We believe that an expenditure of $60,000 or $70,000 per annum to make this Library a free public library would make at least an equal return, dollar for dollar, with that spent on the public schools. It would daily minister to the education and enjoyment of thousands; would increase the value of the labor of our working classes; would knit together more closely the different parts of our city, and would raise appreciably the average of intelligence in the community.

According to a recent writer, the expenditure in the city of New York by the city charities, other public charities, churches and individuals, for the relief of the poor, is not less than $8,000,000 annually. While these institutions do a work that appeals very strongly to the human heart, as is shown by the amount of money they receive, is it not certain that the same amount of money could be better invested in education as a preventive, rather than in charity as an alleviative of pauperism? Instead of trying to dam the flood, we must seek to dry up its sources, otherwise its volume will continually increase.

The report of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, in calling attention to the cheap papers and pamphlets containing stories of the real or unreal in criminal life says: "The practice of flooding the country with the blood and thunder literature of the day is cursing society and breeding criminals in every walk of life. Our Courts are almost literally thronged with boy and girl criminals. We do not claim that all of these are the direct result of evil reading, but from our observation we believe that a vast majority are."

As a preventive of pauperism there is no such potent factor as education, and as a promoter of education we claim that, after the public schools, and supplementing their work, there is no such effective educator as a judiciously selected and well administered Public Library.

1859–1883.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

BROOKLYN LIBRARY,

BY MR. JAMES P. WALLACE.

Read by request at the Annual Meeting, on the Evening of March 27, 1884.

MR. PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY—The silver wedding of this institution occurred a year ago, when our President, Mr. William Augustus White, gave a brief account of its origin, its growth and its needs. Since then a desire has been expressed for a more extended statement, which is presented this evening, gathered from the records of the Library and from the memory of the principal actors at the time. Mr. Lewis Roberts, who was our first President, in his annual report presented January 13, 1859, used the following words: "As early as October, 1857, the subject of organizing a new library association, to be controlled and managed by the young men of Brooklyn, was discussed in private by two friends of the enterprise, and at their personal solicitation about twenty gentlemen met at the Atheneum, as a preliminary step to more formal action on the subject." It is known to all the early members that the two friends whom Mr. Roberts was too modest to name, were Mr. Roberts himself and Mr. James P. Wallace, who is still a trustee of the Library. This is evidenced by the two portraits on the walls of the directors' room, and by letters relating thereto, which are printed in the first and second annual reports. The circumstances were as follows: The Atheneum at that time contained the principal library of Brooklyn, of about 4,000 volumes. It was managed by a

Board of Brooklyn's best citizens, who manifested a sincere desire to promote the public good. For some reason the public did not take much interest in the enterprise, and it was in a languishing condition.

Mr. Wallace conceived the idea that, if the Library could be turned over to the control and management of young men, they would increase its growth and make it more useful. He held many interviews with stockholders and Trustees of the Atheneum, and succeeded in securing the approval of most of them, provided an organization of young men could be formed strong enough to give assurance of success. Mr. Wallace then proposed the subject to Mr. Roberts, who entered enthusiastically into the scheme, and they together set to work, with a will, to talk it up with other young men. The meeting of twenty gentlemen referred to was held November 19, 1857, with Mr. W. W. Tufts in the Chair, and Mr. A. E. Orr, as Secretary. Mr. Wallace explained the object of the meeting and the proposed plan. After an interchange of views, it was decided to call a public meeting on the 30th of the same month. A committee was appointed to make arrangements, consisting of Messrs. Lewis Roberts, James P. Wallace, John S. Ward, Charles A. Silliman and Charles Condit; and all the gentlemen present promised to do all they could to secure a large attendance. Messrs. H. P. Journeay, R. W. Ropes, Sidney Sanderson, Charles A. Townsend and Dr. A. Cook Hull are recorded as speaking in favor of the enterprise. The activity and zeal of the young men were shown by their obtaining in ten days over six hundred signatures to the call, and by their distribution of a thousand cards of invitation. That meeting was held in the hall of the Atheneum, and largely attended. Mr. Wallace was invited to the Chair. There were thirty-five Vice-Presidents, of whom Mr. James H. Frothingham and Mr. Alexander E. Orr are still active in the management of the Library. Rev. Doctors Storrs, Farley, Cutler, and Lord, and Professor Raymond accepted seats on the platform and made encouraging remarks. Mr. Roberts presented the plan proposed by the informal meeting, which was to organize similar to the Mercantile Library of New York, which was approved. A committee was

appointed to draft a constitution, another, of one hundred, to obtain members and donations, and another to arrange for the next meeting. Over $1,300 were pleged by those in attendance, and the Chairman announced that the Mercantile Library Association of the City of Brooklyn was a fixed fact. That announcement was received by a round of applause such as no other than an audience of enthusiastic young men could give. On the 17th of December the meeting was held to receive the reports of the committees. The hall was well filled. Mr. Albert B. Capwell presided. Mr. Charles S. Farley and Mr. George R. Bowman were appointed Secretaries. The Committee of One Hundred reported through its Chairman, Henry Hill, that the number of subscribers was 826, and the amount of cash received was $8,865. That was good work for seventeen days. Mr. Roberts submitted a draft of a constitution, which, with a few amendments, was unanimously adopted, and arrangements were made to hold the first election on the 23d of the same month. Rev. Dr. Farley then addressed the meeting, congratulating them on the success of the movement.

ELECTION.

The election was held at the time appointed, and was a memorable affair. There were a great many young men anxious to manage the new institution, who divided into two parties, denominated regulars and independents. The constitution provided that the payment of one dollar initiation fee, and half a dollar more for one-quarter of a year dues, constituted a member. There was great activity on both sides to procure new members, favorable to their respective nominees, and a considerable sum was received into the treasury from that source. Electioneering was carried on according to the most approved manner of experienced politicians. An election for President of the United States did not just then seem half so important. Excitement ran very high, but there was no disturbance. The result was a small majority for the regulars, with Mr. Lewis Roberts for President. Mr. Wallace was not a candidate for a position on the Board, but by invitation he sat with the Board on occasions.

LOCATION.

As soon as the election was over, a party was organized in opposition to locating in the Atheneum. They obtained from Mr. A. A. Low an exceedingly liberal offer to erect on Montague street a building adapted to their purpose. That offer would probably have been accepted, except that the Atheneum was fitted up with a library and reading room respectable for that day, and could be occupied at once. A lease was finally agreed upon, bearing date February 12, 1858, for the whole second floor of the Atheneum, with its books and furniture, for five years, on terms that were equal to rent free; and the Atheneum agreed to add $800 worth of new books to the Library annually during that term. The liberality of that lease was owing in part to skillful diplomacy, partly, perhaps, to the demonstration in favor of another location, and largely to the influence of the public-spirited President of the Atheneum, Hon. J. S T. Stranahan, who warmly espoused the cause of the young men from beginning to end.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

The library and reading-rooms in the Atheneum were publicly opened May 7, 1858, with everything in a new dress. The hall was well filled by members and their friends, and there was great rejoicing. A separate reading-room had been handsomely furnished for ladies, showing that the Library began, as it has ever continued, on the principle that good accommodation for ladies is the surest road to success, especially in Brooklyn. At the close of the first year President Roberts reported: Cash receipts from all sources, $14,265.07, of which $9,000 had been expended for books and periodicals. There were 11,400 books on the shelves, and a membership of 1,511, of whom 100 were ladies. Ten different gentlemen had delivered lectures before the Association, from which there was a net gain of $1,345.64. Rev. Dr. Storrs, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin and Hon. George W. Curtis declined to receive compensation for their lectures, and the Board gratefully voted them honorary memberships.

Classes in French, German and Spanish languages and in book-keeping were organized, and steps were taken to make the rooms head-quarters for the exhibition of fine arts. Mr. Wallace visited most of the Brooklyn studios, and secured a meeting of artists, at which he explained the proposed plan, and obtained their approval. In the following year the first Art Reception in Brooklyn was held in the rooms of the Library, and from that has grown our Brooklyn Art Association. This much prominence is given to the origin and first year of the Library, because it was the foundation of all that has followed; and because it will aid to preserve the memory of some who were active in building that foundation. It would be grateful to name them all, but that would exceed our limits.

FIVE YEARS: 1860–1864.

The presidency of Lebbeus Chapman, Jr., James H. Frothingham, James Thorne and Adrian Van Sinderen, respectively, covers the next five years to March, 1864, with moderate growth. These years embrace the depressed period at the commencement of our late war, and it is a marvel that the institution did not go backward. That it even survived is evidence of the enterprise of the young men and of its adaptability to the wants of the age. Among the good things accomplished during those five years are the following: They procured a charter from the Legislature. They received their first donation for a permanent book fund of $5,000 from Mrs. Maria Cary, of precious memory, who showed her continued interest in the Library by a legacy of another like sum twenty years later. They also renewed the lease from the Atheneum for three years more on similar terms, except that the Atheneum was to add only $200 worth of new books per annum instead of $800, as before. President Van Sinderen reported at the close of this term that all departments of the Library had been sustained; that there were 17,907 books on the shelves and 1,727 members, of whom 356 were ladies. This shows that the places of the young men who had gone to the war were more than supplied by the fair sex.

MR. WOODRUFF'S FIVE YEARS: 1864–1868.

Mr. Franklin Woodruff became president in March, 1864, and by annual re-elections held the office until March, 1869. He was supported by an able Board, and under its administration the greatest advance of the Library was accomplished. The lots forming the present site were purchased, the money was collected, the edifice we now occupy was erected and paid for, and $50,000 was subscribed for the purchase of books. The history of those five years is given in the proceedings of the opening of this building, and was fully reported in the Brooklyn daily papers.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING IN 1869.

From that source we learn that the opening occurred on the 18th of January, 1869, and that the Library building was thronged with the best people of Brooklyn, including the intelligence, the wealth, and the loveliness of the city. Conterno's band furnished inspiring music. Mr. Franklin Woodruff, President, opened the ceremony in a short address of welcome. Mr. James H. Frothingham, chairman of the Building Committee, made a report, from which the following are extracts: "In the spring of 1864 the Board of Directors opened a subscription, and individual members purchased the ground on which this building now stands. They sought and obtained the counsel of large minded men outside their organization, and their own views were thereby enlarged. To give clear direction to the movement was left, however, to the sagacity and munificence of one man, who, coming forward unsolicited, commended with enthusiasm the project, and offered to give $5,000 on the simple condition that a building should be erected worthy to be the library of a great city, and that it should be finished without debt or incumbrance. This act of Hon. S. B. Chittenden, which I mention with unfeigned gratitude—and the impression is as vivid to-day as then—inspired the work. Preliminary plans were obtained and the amount to be raised was fixed at $120,000. It was to be asked as a gift to promote a cause that should be near to the heart of all good citizens. Response was genuine and generous, the conditions were wise,

and the cause was good. In January, 1865, the subscription reached $60,000. Mr. Woodruff had increased his gift to a sum which few young men have ever at command for purposes of benefaction, and with a depth of feeling and appreciation which we have not forgotten. Mr. H. B. Claflin had responded gladly with a like sum of $5,000, and by the middle of February the list was $80,000. Then Mr. A. A. Low imparted new impetus to the effort by his original subscription of $5,000, and later, when there seemed perhaps a pause, Mr. Chittenden again came forward to double his original gift, provided the entire sum was secured before the month of June. The subscription reached $125,600 before the time named. (It sounds almost like romance, and those who have looked upon the duty of soliciting as unqualified drudgery have little idea of the luxury of success.) The Legislature of the State by a new charter had created a permanent Board of Trustees, with exclusive control of the funds and property of the Association. This new body took charge of the collection and appropriation of the subscriptions. The procurement of plans and the selection of an architect occupied the summer of 1865, and resulted in the appointment of Mr. Peter B. Wight. At that time began the rapid inflation of prices and an enhancement of the cost of building, which for a long time threatened the indefinite postponement of our building. It is needless to record the manifold expedients employed to overcome this embarrassment, the end of which was the entire abandonment of the original plans after more than a year of delay, and the adoption of those which have since been executed. On the 27th of June, 1867, ground was broken and the work of building fairly began. There has been no important delay in any portion of the work since then, and the Library is but to-day finished. We had hoped to be able to say, in dedicating this building, that it was absolutely paid for. We cannot do so to-night, but we can and do declare that the original condition shall soon be satisfied, aud that the good faith in which we began shall be maintained. We have expended $227,000. Our collections and available funds, including mortgages on our office buildings, amount to $207,000, leaving $20,000 still to be raised. We have done what we could to advance the civilization of our age."

At the conclusion of the report addresses were made by Mr. A. A. Low, Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Mr. Samuel McLean, Mr. Abraham B. Baylis and Hon. S. B. Chittenden. Mr. Chittenden said: Why should not this pittance of $20,000 be subscribed here to-night? Is not the occasion worthy the effort? Have not these gentlemen who have carried the hat around three years, and spent their days and nights in the work, proved themselves worthy of your confidence? If the $20,000 be subscribed within thirty days, I will add $2,500 to my original subscription. One thing more: I tell you this work is not more than begun until at least $50,000 is pledged for new books. And I have one word to say about that. If that $50,000 can be pledged within sixty days, payable in quarterly or yearly installments, for the benefit of this Society, provided that the other proposition I made is secured, I will pay $5,000 a year for four years, making $20,000 toward the $50,000, if I live, and if I don't live, I will bequeath it to my children as a family obligation. [Tremendous applause.]

Before the meeting adjourned $12,625 was subscribed towards the deficiency, of which Mr. A. A. Low contributed the sum of $5,000, and several gentlemen announced themselves ready to contribute largely to stock the Library with books. President Woodruff pledged himself to secure the balance, and both subscriptions were completed before the time named. That act of Mr. Chittenden's is regarded the most notable event in the history of the Library. When all have done so well it is difficult to name any one without apparent injustice to others, but the men of that day will agree that this work could not have been consummated had it not been for the liberality of President Woodruff, of Mr. A. A. Low, and Mr. Chittenden, and even with the stimulus of their liberality that it could hardly have succeeded without the inspiring zeal and courage of Mr. Frothingham.

Fourteen Years: 1869–1883.

After opening the Library there was a period of thirteen years, until 1882, of good work and steady growth, during which Messrs. John R. Kennady, George L. Nichols, Adrian

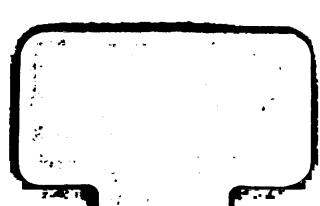
Van Sinderen, William B. Kendall, and James H. Frothingham, respectively, were presidents. That period was distinguished by a judicious purchase of new books with the $50,000 which had been subscribed for that purpose. Mr. S. B. Noyes, the librarian, was sent to Europe to afford him better opportunity for selection, and his purchases have received general commendation. During that term the name of the institution was changed by an Act of the Legislature to "The Brooklyn Library." This is most important in many respects. It is significant of the growth and general scope of the Library and of its adaptation to the wants of the whole community. That term is also distinguished by the completion of the catalogue compiled by our librarian, Mr. Noyes, with some assistance from Mr. Van Sinderen. A friend writes of the catalogue that "it reflects the highest credit upon the capacity, discrimination, and untiring industry of its author; and its fullness of detail, its clear and comprehensive arrangement and the thorough knowledge of the requirements of such a work evinced by its every page continue to call forth the most flattering encomiums from critics qualified to estimate and appreciate its excellence." At the close of this term of thirteen years, to March, 1882, President Frothingham reported 61,163 books on the shelves and 2,770 members. Under Mr. Frothingham's presidency was initiated the movement which was carried to a partially successful conclusion in the following year under President White, and which resulted in paying off the indebtedness of the Library, in substantially completing the building, and in placing a considerable number of books on its shelves, although leaving the provision of an adequate endowment fund for book purchases still a question for the future. What was done, however, and which will worthily commemorate the silver wedding anniversary, was largely due to the liberality and influence of our worthy President, who was nobly supported by the members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees, and other generous and true friends of the Library, and especially by the untiring and persistent efforts of Mr. Frothingham.

The First Annual Report of President White, March 29th, 1883, shows 74,793 books in the Library and 3,107 members.

It also shows the circulation and the use of books in the Library for reference to have amounted to about 150,000 volumes, a result of which we may justly be proud. His Second Annual Report, to which you have listened to-night, shows still further progress.

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REPORT OF THE
TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library :

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 28th, 1885 :

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr. Balance February 29, 1884			$2,553 86
Endowment Fund Subscription			100 00
Interest on Deposits			16 78
" " Mortgage, including interest advanced, $60.67			455 00
Gross Income from No. 193 Montague street.			2,674 96
" " No. 201 Montague street.			3,636 62
			$9,437 22
Dr. General Expense Account	$106 00		
Expense Account No. 193 Montague street	151 51		
" " No. 201 " "	295 76		
Special Art Fund, on account, for portrait	1,000 00		
Payments to Board of Directors, viz. :			
Income of White Fund	1,500 00		
" Martin Fund	600 00		
" Cary Bequest	300 00		
" General Funds	3,437 92		
Appropriation for Safe	315 00		
		7,706 19	
Balance February 28, 1885			$1,731 03

The GENERAL EXPENSE item of $106.00 consists entirely of Water Rates paid to the Department of City Works.

The SPECIAL ART FUND item represents a payment to Mr. Eastman Johnson, on account, for his portrait of Hon. Simeon B. Chittenden, recently painted for the Library.

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected			$2,674 96
Less Gas	$26 60		
Repairs	58 04		
Commissions	66 87		
		151 51	
Balance net income			$2,523 45

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$3,636 62
Less Gas	$29 00	
Repairs	175 84	
Commissions	90 92	
		295 76
Balance net income		$3,340 86

The present rent-roll is $6,290. There are no vacant offices, and no arrears of present tenants.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

Dr. Balance February 29, 1884		$696 33
General Expenses, Water Rates		106 00
Payments to James L. Morgan, Jr., Treasurer, viz.:		
For Income of Special Funds		2,400 00
For Income of General Funds		3,437 92
		$6,640 25
Cr. Balance Income Account, No. 193 Montague st.	$2,523 45	
" " " No. 201 Montague st.	3,340 86	
Interest received on Deposits	16 78	
" " " Mortgage	394 33	
		6,275 42
Dr. Balance February 28, 1885		$364 83

NOTE.—The above balance represents Insurance Premium paid in advance to March 1 and December 28, 1886, on the Library property.

An additional payment of $100 has been made during the year for account of the Permanent Endowment Fund Subscription, increasing the total payment to $82,525, and a further appropriation has been made, within the terms of the subscription, of $315, for the purchase of a much needed and capacious fire-proof safe. There remains unappropriated the sum of $2,095.86.

THE BALANCE SHEET of the Trustees is as follows:

Cash	$1,731 03	
Investment Account	600 00	
Mortgage Investment	7,000 00	
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague street	37,000 00	
" Library	151,863 45	
" No. 201 Montague street	32,814 76	
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
General Income Account	364 83	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		30,617 60
Endowment Fund Subscription, Balance		2,095 86
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
	$242,461 96	$242,461 96

The INSURANCES upon Library Property remain unchanged, and are as follows :

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	70,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague street	20,000 00
Total	$197,500 00

Of these amounts, $177,500 will expire March 1, 1886, and $20,000 December 28, 1886.

Which is respectfully submitted, by order and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

(Signed,) JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 12, 1885.

Examined and found correct,

(Signed,) JAMES P. WALLACE,
" ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN, } *Auditing Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer*, *In Account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY, CR.

To Balance, March 1, 1884			$478 60
" Receipts from Annual Members :—			
Initiation Fees	$776 00		
Dues	10,791 37		
		11,567 37	
To Receipts from Board of Trustees :—			
Current Income of Martin Fund..	600 00		
Current Income of White Fund...	1,500 00		
Current Income of General Fund..	3,437 92		
Current Income of Cary Bequest...	300 00		
Appropriation for Safe	315 00		
		6,152 92	
To Receipts from Trustees of Cary Fund for Books selected by them		249 66	
To Receipts from Classes :—			
Phonography	246 10		
French	51 50		
Spanish	12 00		
German	32 00		
Italian	10 00		
		351 60	
To Receipts from sale of			
Books and Periodicals	66 87		
Catalogues	241 15		
Bulletins	7 35		
		315 37	
To Donations		4,000 00	
Sundries—Interest	7 42		
Rent, etc	15 00		
		22 42	
To Bills Payable		3,000 00	
			25,659 34
			$26,137 94

By Payments for Books		$5,290 80	
Periodicals		1,827 91	
Binding		1,683 39	
Salaries		9,623 68	
Light		2,724 60	
Fuel		575 07	
Building and Fixtures		751 99	
Janitor and care of Building		1,321 26	
Stationery and Printing		453 70	
Catalogues		351 81	
Bulletins		318 55	
Advertising		319 51	
Delivery to Branches..	188 55		
Interest	108 59		
Sundries	289 50		
		586 64	
			25,828 91
By Balance, March 1, 1885			309 03
			$26,137 94

NOTE.—The expenditures during the year on account of the Eastern District Branch were $1,184.77. See page 28.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Library was held in the Ladies' Reading Room of the Library on Thursday evening, March 26th, 1885, the President, Mr. W. A. White, in the Chair, and Mr. S. B. Chittenden, Jr., acting as Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., read his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The President then read the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Directors, which was adopted, and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

DR. ROBERT F. LEIGHTON, of the Central Grammar School, then spoke of the relation of a public library to the public schools, and said that the opening of the library to the teachers and pupils of the Grammar Schools of the city would have a very good result, as both the classes alluded to lacked books for reference to supplement their text-books. If the vast storehouse of knowledge which the library contained could be opened to the teachers and scholars, the influence would be most beneficial, and the educational value of the public school system would be largely increased. As a factor in public education the value of a public library could not be over-estimated. Any method of education is seriously at fault which does not incite the pupil to a desire for further knowledge. The pupil should be taught not only *how* to read, but *what* to read. The literary taste should be trained in the right direction in youth. A boy who has fixed a standard by reading Scott's novels or Miss Edgeworth's tales, or the works of Thackeray, Dickens or George Eliot, will never be dazzled by the "Red Rover of the Spanish Main" or the "Midnight Marriage." The object should be to cultivate a love of reading. Gibbon and Macaulay and Bancroft should not be the only books offered to the pupils, for the reason that many of them could not at first appreciate the great masterpieces of wit and eloquence and knowledge. Their minds would have to be first cultivated. Rightly used, a public library would be a great trainer of the literary taste of the youth of a city.

The library could also collect books on useful arts and trades which pupils would have access to, and they would thus be better prepared on entering life to take care of themselves, and there would be less danger of poverty and distress. It is very important to establish in youth the habit of learning intelligently and not by rote. Once acquired, this habit would be continued through life. The opening of the library to scholars would mean the end of the old method of teaching from a book, and the beginning of a new era of original thought and investigation. It might also be feasible for the teachers to take their classes occasionally to the library and instruct them in the methods of best utilizing the facilities it offers. In Boston, the experiment of utilizing the Public Library in connection with the Public Schools was first tried with a single school, and found to work so successfully, that it was subsequently extended to all.

MR. MELVIL DEWEY, Librarian of Columbia College, then spoke as follows :—

"I am interested in this meeting to-night, because I see here in this great city one of the finest opportunities on this continent to build up a great library, having, as you do, all the advantages of the metropolis. I am personally interested, too, because my own library is so near that all your development has for me an immediate and selfish interest. You stand midway between the College library, which I now represent, and the free public library, which is oftenest discussed. I am not sure but that your plans for the future may enable you to combine the advantages of both. Dr. Leighton has been saying to you the very things I had in mind to say not so well, and I would emphasize his plea, but I am no longer content to speak of the library as 'related to the school,' or as 'resembling' a college for the people. It is the crown of the school system, without which it is incomplete. It is the true university, not only of the people, but of the scholar. Of old, Paul sat at the feet of Gamaliel, and oral teaching was the main thing in education, but since that wonderful thing, a printed book, came into being, a steady change has been going forward. The best thoughts of the best thinkers on every subject find their way into print, and while we shall never be able to wholly replace the personal inspiration of an enthusiastic teacher, yet, year after year, more and more that, our fathers said, could never be put in a book, is made available in print, and the living teacher is becoming more and more a luxury rather than a necessity after the learner has been taught to read. It is even now possible to make a splendid university out of a great library, without professors but with good librarians and the most perfect catalogues, indexes, and various helps to readers; but it is wholly impracticable to make a university without the books.

"Your experience will bear me out in saying that men and women and children are more and more getting their ideas, motives and opinions from the printed page and less from the rostrum and pulpit and living voice. If we are to influence these lives and make them better worth living, we must in some way guide this reading, and this can be done generally, effectively and economically, only by means of the library. We must contrive that people read more books, better books and by better methods. With this conviction, in 1876 a hundred of the leading librarians of the country met in conference at Philadelphia. The time was ripe for such work. On the day of the first meeting, there came from Washington the first volume of the famous 'U. S. Report on Libraries,' a public document of 1276 pages, which was a cyclopedia to libraries. On the same day there came from New York the first number of the *Library Journal*, now in its tenth volume, and which has been to working librarians of more value than all other technical books on libraries together. Then the conference unanimously resolved itself into the American Library Association, which sums up its creed in its motto: 'The best reading for the largest number at the least expense' So came into prominence what we fondly term the 'modern library idea.' The old school librarian was a jailer who guarded his books, often from being read: he pointed with pride to his books, kept so many years unworn, perhaps with leaves uncut: he was a literary miser. Often the office was a refuge for the incompetent who must have some place, and had been proved utterly unfitted for anything else.

"The modern librarian is active, not passive. He is as glad to welcome a reader as the earnest merchant a customer, and a good book actually worn out with legitimate use affords him most pleasure. He magnifies his office, and recognizes in his profession an opportunity for usefulness to his fellows inferior to none.

"Happily, there were exceptions to the first class, and of the second the numbers are all too few; but I am speaking now of types. With such ideals, men of high grade are entering this new profession. I have in mind successful clergymen and teachers who are ready to resign good places to accept librarianships, not because the work will be easy or the salary good, for there is no field which so combines the longest hours of hardest work with inadequate pay. But it is because the clergyman sees in a library, administered on the highest plane, all the city for his parish and half the population for his congregation, and the teacher sees in such a library, classes who graduate and leave his influence only with death.

"I know that these ideals are very high, but only he who studies this library question deeply, night and day, and in all its bearings, can comprehend its infinite possibilities.

"We *can* educate our people through the library, and, except for the wealthy, we can't do it in the schools. The highest hope we have for our schools for the masses is that they may teach to *read*, not merely to pronounce the words like a parrot or as a bright child may be taught to call the words of Italian, or any sensibly spelled language, in a day, but to drink in the author's meaning from the printed page and reproduce the author's thoughts. If we accomplish this, we must be satisfied to let the pupils go out and earn their bread. Massachusetts is proud of its schools and the medals awarded her for progress in education, but even there illiteracy is increasing. To a country dependent on the wise use of the free ballot, such facts are startling and portend danger ahead. Whatever a man's financial standing, if his expenses each year exceed his income, bankruptcy is somewhere ahead, and if illiteracy is growing from whatever cause, it is high time the tide was checked.

"So I say the problem before the schools is to teach the masses to read intelligently, and the library must then take up and carry on the work of education not as the ally of the schools, but as the necessary completion, the true People's University. This fact is recognized in different degrees all over the country and new libraries are springing up almost daily, indeed I think the average, small and large, will be quite as high as 365 per year. The time is coming when one will ask in every village—not: 'Is there a library?' but '*Where* is the library?' As they now ask, 'Where is the school house or post-office?' One of the best assurances that this development will go on is in the fact that people who have no interest in education or culture, are finding out that libraries *pay* selfishly, that a good library, where every workman in the city, whatever his calling, may get the best obtainable information and help about his work, will in the end vastly more than pay expenses in material wealth.

"Your President has asked me to tell you something of our work at Columbia. Time will allow but the briefest mention of a few points, but we shall always be glad to see or give information to any of you who may be interested. We are trying to work out the modern library idea in a university library. Columbia College stands in the very centre of New York. Our building stands in the

centre of our block, surrounded by the various schools of the university, and we consolidated into this one collection the eight different libraries belonging to the College. The Library has now received the rank of a university department, and stands beside the Schools of Arts, Law, Medicine, Political Science and the various schools of Applied Sciences, and the librarian is no longer put at the end of the list of officers, next to the janitor.

"We hold that the college library should be like the college pump, accessible whenever wanted, and not, as in many colleges, for an hour or two on certain days of the week. We open all our departments from 8. A. M. to 10 P. M. throughout the year, including holidays and vacations, for often these days of customary closing are the only ones when busy men have a chance to use the library.

"We hold that double value is gotten from books that can be handled freely, and since theory and experience agree that readers trusted prove themselves worthy of confidence, we open for reference, not ten to one hundred volumes, but thirty thousand, of the most used books with which we line the walls of our great reading room.

"We hold that if it pays to give cooks and coachmen and carpenters labor-saving tools, in order to get more and better results in a given time, it will pay to give professors and students every practical aid in order that they may do more in their more valuable time, and we esteem no detail too small to merit our attention if it facilitates the work of our readers. We have convenient small study-tables, with slides and electric student lamps, rubber-tipped chairs, paper for notes, ice-water, wash-rooms, messenger and telegraph calls, check-room for coats, bags and packages, speaking-tubes, electric-bells, etc.

"If we cannot, for some years, offer the most complete equipment of books in the country, we mean speedily to offer the most perfect facilities for using such as we have, and to carry steadily forward our rapid growth, which the last report showed to be fifty times the average of the past twenty years. Gifts to the Library and use have increased in an equally marked ratio; for there are in New York, as there are in Brooklyn, plenty of men and women of influence and means who will give their interest, their books and their money to a library when they learn that it is really doing all that the best managed library can do to make itself useful.

"There is also a field of direct instruction in which we hope to do very practical work. It has often been proposed to teach college boys certain important things connected with books and their use, and in every class there are students who coax desultory hints and suggestions out of their professors. But I believe no college has yet really given the systematic instruction needed.

"Without attempting any antiquarian or technical instruction, much can be done under 'Bibliography,' in giving a working knowledge of what reference books there are, their comparative merits in respect to given subjects, and how to use them to the best advantage. The average college student, not to say graduate, is ignorant of the greater part of the bibliographical apparatus which the skilled librarian has in hourly use, to enable him to answer the thousand queries of the public. A little systematic instruction would so start our students in the right methods, that for the rest of their lives all their work in libraries would be more expeditiously accomplished and vastly more efficient."

Mr. Dewey then spoke of the importance of learning to preserve for future

use the results of reading. He said that it was intended in about two years to open a school for the training of librarians with a short, practical course, designed to give men and women of the right material and ideas a good start, which shall enable them to go on and work out the modern library idea.

In conclusion, he said :—

"Thoughtful hearers will see in these methods of study suggestion of plenty of practical work, and those interested, in the Circular of Information, issued by the library, fuller information.

"In this wholly *extempore* way I have outlined some factors of the modern library spirit, which aims to turn each of the 5,000 public libraries of the United States from a cistern into a living spring ; to go on establishing new, and improving old institutions, till we shall put in the power of all our people the means of best gratifying that thirst, delirious yet divine, to know."

The next speaker was the REV. DR. CHARLES H. HALL, who, on being introduced, regretted that he had not accepted the President's invitation to speak before Mr. Dewey, as it was difficult to say anything instructive on the subject in addition to what had been said by the able specialist who preceded him.

When a stranger comes to Brooklyn he naturally asks, "What are the principal points of interest in your city?" We take him first to the corner of Fulton and Greene avenues, and we show him our statuary. Then we take him to Gowanus and show him where our navy ought to be, and after that with some pride we show him our two libraries. Our libraries are good ones, but one of them, as its name indicates, must always be a historical library. The Brooklyn Library is the library for the citizens of Brooklyn in the future, and the people look to this library for development into something larger, and more largely useful.

Dr. Hall contrasted the efforts of the citizens of Brooklyn and those of other cities concerning their libraries, and not much to the credit of the former. The Murphy library, he said, had been permitted to be taken from Brooklyn, and a valuable collection of theological books had recently been scattered. Brooklyn was too apathetic in regard to her libraries. People were apparently willing to lie down and admire what they had done in the past, rather than get up and grapple with the task which lay before them to provide for the future. He suggested that for specialists the rules in regard to the taking out of books should be altered to a certain extent, so as to allow them to take out a score of books at a time if necessary. It happened not unfrequently that he had to go to New York for a special book. The library ought to have money enough to buy such books as the clergy needed in preparing their sermons.

Brooklyn must wake up to her duties in this respect. Mr. Vanderbilt was putting up a $300,000 mausoleum for himself and his family—a likely way to insure long remembrance. Yet how much longer would those citizens of Brooklyn be remembered, and how much more good would they do, who should spend $300,000 each in branch libraries on the Hill and in the Eastern District. Though not an enthusiastic admirer of some of Boston's traits, he did admire and applaud her public spirit. He wished that Brooklyn had more of it.

MR. JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM, in behalf of about a hundred gentlemen who had contributed the necessary funds, then presented to the Library an excellent portrait of the Hon. Simeon B. Chittenden, painted by Mr. Eastman Johnson. Mr. Chittenden had, Mr. Frothingham said, made the Brooklyn Library as it

exists to-day possible. It was his munificence which gave impetus to the movement, which resulted in the erection of the present library building.

The President accepted the portrait in behalf of the Library, and said it was a noble portrait of a noble man, one who gave wisely as well as freely, and who, by his benefactions and public spirit, had done much to make, not only the Library, but Brooklyn, what it is to-day.

MR. EDWARD CARY spoke for the members of the Library, and said, in closing :—

"This keen and penetrating conception of how best to aid the Library is characteristic of all he (Mr. Chittenden) has done for Brooklyn ; and he has done much. We accept this beautiful portrait. We have a right to hand it down to our children and our children's children, as an expressive reminder of a noble type of the men who have worked out such glorious achievements in our land for order, and progress, and culture, and all that we call civilization."

The meeting then adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

Before passing to the details of the work done during the past year in the Library, we must first say a few words in regard to the great loss the Library has recently sustained in the death of the man who did most to make it what it is.

Stephen B. Noyes was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts, August 28th, 1833. After graduating, in 1853, at Harvard, where President Eliot and Justin Winsor, now Librarian of Harvard, were among his class-mates, he served his apprenticeship as Librarian in the Boston Athenæum, under the tutelage of Ezra Abbot, and came to Brooklyn in 1858, to take charge of the Mercantile Library, then just incorporated. With the exception of the years 1866 and 1867, spent in the Library of Congress, at Washington, he passed the rest of his life in building up this Library, till it has grown from the 4,000 volumes, which he found in the second story of the Athenæum, to a collection of 84,000 volumes, carefully selected and well catalogued, in a building of its own, and with the promise of increasing usefulness and development.

Mr. Noyes possessed a wonderful knowledge of books, not merely a bibliographical acquaintance with them, but a real knowledge of their contents; and this knowledge was always entirely and freely at the service of every seeker after literary information. In the twenty-five years of his residence here, he has been in this way a great educational force in the community; and, in a city which is not strongly endowed with advanced educational institutions, his loss will be severely felt. This knowledge of books, combined with a power of untiring application and good practical judgment, enabled him to give the Library a catalogue which all authorities on the subject agree in regarding as a model of its kind.

By his fellow workers in the Librarian's profession his loss is also keenly felt. We quote from letters recently received, to show their appreciation of him.

Mr. Justin Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University, wrote:

"I have been closely observant of his course as a librarian; and there has not been one of his utterances, as such, but I have listened to it with respect. He was very competent in his calling, and in one of the most patent phases of a librarian's proficiency, he proved masterful and an exemplar, and his Brooklyn Catalogue has achieved an excellent reputation. For a Library of the grade of that over which he ruled, it is the best sample yet produced of that indispensable key, a catalogue. Since we both grew riper in our work, I can recall more than one talk which I have had with him, and they have left in my mind the impression of his strong good sense, and an urgent devotion to make his labors successful in the highest sense. His loss is signal to his fellows in the work, as well as to you who knew him closer."

Mr. S. S. Green, of the Worcester Library, writes:

"He was one of the best librarians in the country. Enthusiastic in regard to his work, he brought to it a well educated and technically trained mind, and great aptitude for the duties he had to perform.

"He took a broad view of his responsibilities, and in a loving spirit turned all the facilities at his command into instruments for the education of inquirers. There are comparatively few highly accomplished librarians in the country. Mr. Noyes was undoubtedly one of the few."

Mr. C. A. Cutter, of the Boston Athenæum, says:

"We all hoped to receive from him more of that remarkable catalogue which general consent has pronounced to be one of the most useful ever printed, and we had expected him to build up a great Library in Brooklyn, worthy of the second city in the greatest of our States. His place will not easily be filled."

It will not be an easy task for the Library, with the limited means at its disposal, to find a worthy successor to Mr. Noyes, and we should not attempt to fill his place till we can do so with a successor who, by combining Library experience with literary knowledge and executive ability, will fully maintain the reputation of the Library, and adequately develop its work in the large field of usefulness that lies around it.

In giving the history of the work of the Library for the year, we will adopt the order of arrangement of the Treasurer's Report, which you have just heard read, and will en-

deavor to explain the various items of receipts and expenses, so that their significance may be fully understood.

MEMBERSHIP.

Annual members (who have paid to March 1, 1885).....	2,076
Extra annual subscriptions at $3	275
Life members by payment of $100.....	566
" " $50.....	41
Permanent members by payment of $500.....	287
Total membership.....	3,245

This shows a gain over last year of 45 members, and is the largest number the Library has ever had, except in the year 1876. The gain in receipts from membership over last year is $360.44.

During the year, the following Life Members have died: Rev. Dr. N. H. Schenck, Jeremiah Curtis, Gen'l. H. B. Duryea, W. A. Gellatly, Abel F. Goodnow, John R. Kennaday, Geo. L. Kent, Caleb Nickerson, Richard P. Buck.

In the opinion of the Board, the number of members might be materially increased by some concerted action on the part of those who are already members. The advantages offered by the Library are so great as to make the expenditure of $100.00 for a Life Membership certainly a desirable investment. To those who are already members, it returns an annual interest of five per cent. in saving the annual payment of $5.00; while to others we are sure it will make a return of usefulness to themselves and others so great that they will never regret it.

The Board, therefore, recommends to the members the appointment from their number of a Committee of Fifty or One Hundred, for the purpose of increasing the membership; and while an addition to the number of Life Memberships will be especially welcome, and Permanent Memberships still more so, any addition to the number of Annual Memberships will also be thankfully received, and will materially invigorate the work of the Library.

PROPERTY OF THE LIBRARY.

The property of the Library is vested in the Board of Trustees, who pay over the net income therefrom to the

Board of Directors. The income of the various funds during the past year has amounted to $6,402.53.

The present value of the whole property of the Library is estimated as follows:

Library building	$152,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	11,000 00
Books	110,000 00
Adjacent office buildings	70,000 00
Invested on bond and mortgage	12,000 00
Total value	$355,000 00

And it would probably cost more than this to replace it.

The Directors state their conviction, based on careful observation of the work done by, and the needs of, the Library, that it is more important to have the growth of the Library continue regularly and symmetrically than to abstain absolutely from incurring a debt. For the small existing indebtedness, there are valuable and useful assets in the shape of books on our shelves, to show as a set-off; and there is no hidden floating debt, as every bill against the Library, up to the 1st of March, has been paid.

We may fairly expect that the present period of business depression will not last many years longer, and that when the community is again prosperous, the needs of the Library will receive proper recognition.

CLASSES.

Classes have been carried on in French, under the charge of Prof. L. J. Simonin; German, under Prof. W. A. Stamm; Spanish, under Prof. Ramirez, and Phonography, under Prof. T. J. Ellinwood. The class in Italian, which had been discontinued for several years, was resumed under the charge of Prof. Frederic Garlanda. The net income from Classes was $351.60, a gain of $12.81 over the year previous.

SALARIES.

The expenditure for salaries is somewhat more than usual, owing to Mr. Noyes' absence from the Library for

half the year. The salaries paid by the Library seem very moderate, considering the amount and quality of the work given in return.

We believe that the present employees of the Library are popular with the members, and deservedly so. We are under special obligations this year to the Assistant Librarians, Mr. Willis A. Bardwell and Mr. Charles A. Horn, for the cheerful and unwearying application with which they have met the additional work thrown upon them by Mr. Noyes' long illness.

BOOKS.

The additions to the Library have been in detail:

BOOKS.	Total Number of volumes, March 1, 1884.	Additions, 1884–85.	Worn out and sold, 1884–85.	Net Additions, 1884–85.	Total number of volumes, March 1, 1885.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	11,126	561	7	554	11,680
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	5,016	249	1	248	5,264
Science and Industrial Arts	5,729	421	8	413	6,142
Biography	5,901	372	5	367	6,268
Natural History	1,648	91		91	1,739
Fine Arts	2,480	115	1	114	2,594
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc	1,754	89	2	87	1,841
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	2,874	159	2	157	3,031
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	4,242	221		221	4,463
Poetry, the Drama, Essays, etc.	5,547	168	2	166	5,713
Fiction	15,307	1,120	236	884	16,191
Works in Foreign Languages not elsewhere classified	9,278	43	2	41	9,319
Periodicals, bound volumes	6,242	213		213	6,455
Miscellaneous and duplicates	3,013	175		175	3,188
Totals	80,157	3,997	266	3,731	83,888

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		80,157
Additions by purchase	3,162	
" " donation	558	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets	277	
	3,997	
Deduct volumes worn out	243	
" sold	23	
	266	
Total net additions for the year		3,731
Total number of volumes now in Library		83,888

The average cost per volume of the books actually purchased during the year was over $1.50, showing that the additions have been of a high average quality.

The collection of books continues to be made, as it has been from the beginning, on an encyclopedic plan, embracing all departments of thought and research, yet avoiding all that is valued only for sumptuousness or rarity.

The Library has 244 friends to thank for donations of printed matter. The substantial quality of the books donated is rather remarkable, out of 558 volumes only 6 being Fiction. There were also given 805 pamphlets and 759 numbers of magazines. These are all extremely welcome. Single numbers of magazines often fit in to complete a series; and pamphlets, unless preserved in a Public Library, are apt to pass out of existence altogether. To the historian of the future our collection of pamphlets may prove the most useful part of the Library.

Duplicates of books are frequently valuable for exchange with other Libraries. We have made arrangements for sending such books and magazines as we have no use for in the Library to the County Hospital at Flatbush.

Among the principal individual donors to the Library during the past year are Mr. D. Torrey, who gave a valuable collection of literature on the subject of railroads; Mr. C. P. Dewey and Mrs. M. L. Pike. To Hon. Darwin R. James we are indebted for the gift of many public documents; and the publishers of the *Eagle*, the *Union*, and the *Times*, of this city, have continued to favor us with bound files of those most useful publications.

LIST OF DONORS—1884–85.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Aberhne (E. S.)		1	
Abbott (Benj. V.), Brooklyn	2		
Aiken (W. H.)		1	
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Christian Association		2	
Alden (Edwin and Bro.), Cincinnati, O	1		
Allan (*Miss* M. P.)	1		
American Bar Association, E. O. Hinkley, Secretary, Baltimore, Md	1		
American Colonization Society		4	
" Institute of Mining Engineers	3		
" Library Association	1		
" Philological Association		3	
Amherst College, Mass		65	
Astor Library, New York		1	
Baker (*Rev.* C. R.)		2	
Baker (Wm. E. S.), Philadelphia, Pa	1		
Bank of Del Norte, Chicago, Ill		1	
Beers (J. B.) and Co., 36 Vesey, N. Y	2		
Belrose (Louis, *Jr.*)	1		
Benjamin (*Rev.* R.)	1		
Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, Mass	1		
Beugless (J. D.)		2	
Birney (*Gen.* Wm.)	1		
Bogert (R. R.)		1	12
Boston Public Library		3	2
" Record Commissioners	2	1	
" Register of Deeds	2		
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass		1	
Bowdoin College		1	
Bowker (R. R.)		1	
Bridgeport, Ct., *Public Library*		1	
Brockett (*Dr.* L. P)		20	
Brooklyn (City of) *Bureau of Charities*		1	
" " *Board of Education*	2		
" " *Board of Elections*	1		
" " *Board of Supervisors*	9		
" " *Comptroller's office*	1		
" *Rembrandt Club*		1	
" *Revenue Reform Club*		1	
" *Union for Christian Work*		1	
" *Young Republican Club*		1	
Brooklyn Daily Eagle	1		
Brooklyn Daily Times	3		
Brooklyn Daily Union-Argus	2		
Brooklyn Magazine			8
Brown (J. H.) and Co	1		
Brunn (J. W.)	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Buffalo Young Men's Association		2	
" Young Men's Library		1	
Campbell (*Hon.* J. M.)		21	
Cherouny Publishing Co., N. Y.		1	
Chicago Public Library		2	
Cincinnati (City of) *Public Library*		1	1
Clark and Maynard (*Messrs.*)	1		
Cleveland (O.) Educational Bureau		2	
" Public Library		1	1
Columbia College Library, N. Y.		2	
Columbus (O.), *City Library*		1	
Comstock (N.)	2		
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., Hartford	1		
Cook (Geo. H.), State Geologist, New Brunswick, N. J.	1		
Cook (Thos.) and Sons, 261 B'way., N. Y.		1	
Cooper Union, N. Y. City		9	
Cornell University Library, Ithaca, N. Y.			1
Corresponding University Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.			2
Cotton (C. K.)	1		
Cromwell (Ruth N.)	1		
Dayton (O.), *Board of Education*	1		
Delisle (L.), Paris		28	
Dennison (G. A.)	1		
Derby (J. C.)	1		
Dewey (Chester P.), Brooklyn	5	6	
Dickinson (E. B.)	2		
Domett (H. W.)	2	6	
Ellis (John, *M. D.*), New York		1	
Falkner and Sons, Manchester, England		1	
Ford (G. L.)		1	
Freshman (*Rev.* Jacob)		1	
Frothingham (James H.)		1	
Gage (*Prof.* J. B.), Brooklyn	1		
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York		1	
Gildehaus (Charles)		1	
Grant (S. H.)		1	
Green (*Dr.* Samuel Abbott)	2	13	
Grote (F.) and Co		1	
Guthrie (M.)	2		
Harding (*Rev.* W. M.)		1	
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association			2
" Theological Seminary	1		
Harvard University	2		3
Hoffmann (*Rev.* C. F.)	2		
Hall (J. H.), Brooklyn		1	
Inebriates' Home, Ft. Hamilton, L. I.		1	
International Young Men's Christian Association		1	
Iowa State Union		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Jacobs (*Hon.* John C.)	5		
James (*Hon.* Darwin R.)	28	3	3
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md			1
Johnson (Franklin), Cambridge, Mass	1		
Jones (Alfred)		1	
Kansas University, Topeka		1	
Kennedy (P. J.)		1	
Knoedler (M.) & Co	1		
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Library		1	
Lea Brothers	1		
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa		1	
Levi Parson's Library, Gloversville, N, Y		1	
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y		1	
Lovell (John W.) & Co	2		
Low (*Hon.*) Seth	1		
Lowell (Mass.)		1	
Ludlow (*Rev.* James M.)	1		
Manchester (England) *Library Association*		1	
Manning, Maxwell & Moore (Messrs.)	1		
Marlborough (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Martin (C. C.)		1	
Mason (Edward F.), Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3		
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor	8	5	
" State Library		1	
Maynard (Geo. W.)		1	
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		2	1
Minnesota (University of). Minneapolis		1	
Miscellaneous	6	1	98
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		1	
Moffat (*Dr.* J. L.), Brooklyn		1	
Morgan (James L., *Jr.*)	10	2	7
Morse Institute, Natick, Mass		1	
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, So. Hadley, Mass		1	
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
New Jersey Bureau of Labor Statistics, Trenton	1		
" Historical Society			1
" (State of)	1		
New Orleans Times-Democrat	1		
New York Bar Association		1	
" Free Circulating Library		2	
" Historical Society, 170 Second Ave	4	36	
" Mercantile Library		2	2
" Produce Exchange	2		
" Society for the Suppression of Vice		1	
New York (State of). Department of State	26		
" " *State Library*	1		
Nicholson (A. W.)	1		
Noyes (John B.)	6		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Noyes (S. B.)	1		
Onderdonk (Henry, *Jr.*), Jamaica, L. I.	2		
Otterson (*Dr.* W. C.)		34	110
Parks (Gorham)	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.		1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.		1	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge Mass.			1
Peaslee (J. B.)	1	1	
Peck (A. L.)	1		
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library Co.		1	
" Library Co.		2	
" Mercantile Library		1	3
Philbrook (H. B.)		1	
Phillips Exeter Academy,	2	2	
Phillips (Henry, *Jr.*)		1	
Pike (*Mrs.* M. L.)	11		
Pike (*Col.* N.)	1		
Poor (H. V. *and* H. W.)	2		
Pope (A. A.)	1		
Pope Manufacturing Co., 12 Warren St., N. Y.			8
Porter (Wm. J.), Brooklyn		1	
Pray (Jos. M.), Brooklyn, N. Y.			5
Princeton College Library	1		
Providence, R. I., Athenæum.		1	
" " Public Library		1	
Pullman, Ill.		1	
Putnam (*Rev.* A. P.)		3	
Q. P. Index, Bangor, Me.		1	
Rawle (W. H., *LL.D.*)		1	
Raymond (*Dr.* J. H)		1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.		1	
Reeve (J. P.)	1	3	
Roberts (W. C.)	1		
Robinson (*Hon.* Wm. E.)	8		1
Rochester, N. Y. (University of)		1	
Rooney (John H.)			4
Ropes (*Hon.* Ripley)	4		
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal	1		
St. Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library		1	
" " Public School Library		2	1
St. Vincent's College		1	
San Francisco (Cal.) Mechanics' Institute	1		
" " Odd Fellows' Library		1	
Savory (J.)		1	
Sawyer Free Library, Gloucester, Mass.		1	
Second Adventist Society, Battle Creek, Mich.	1		
Smith (H. Allen)	2		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Smithsonian Institute	3		
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	
Staples (O. G.)	1		
Storrs (*Rev. Dr.* R. S.)	1		
Stuart (*Mrs.* R. L.)	1		
Swansea (England) Public Library		2	
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Thayer (Eben.)	137	94	248
Thomæ (*Miss* V. C.)	4	94	
Thomann (G.), Brooklyn	1		
Thompson (D. G.)	2		
Thwing (*Rev. Dr.* E. P.)		6	
Toronto Public Library		1	
Torrey (D.)	7	116	160
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn		2	
Tuffley (E. W.)		7	
Tufts College		1	
United States *Bureau of Education*		7	2
" *Bureau of Statistics*			4
" *Chief of Engineers*	4	2	
" *Civil Service Commission*		2	
" *Consular Department*		1	
" *Department of the Interior*	105	1	6
" *Department of the Navy*	2	1	
" *Department of State*	10		12
" *Department of the Treasury*	5	4	4
" *Department of War*	3	2	
" *Fish Commission*	1		
" *Mint*	2		
" *Patent Office*	8	5	45
" *Postmaster General*	2		
" *Signal Service*		2	
Vandyke (*Rev.* J. H., *D. D.*)		2	
Vermont (University of)		1	
Wallace (James P.)	12		
Waterhouse (*Prof.* Sylvester), St. Louis		5	
Waterston (Robert C.), 71 Chester Square, Boston	1		
Watertown Free Public Library		1	
Wills (*Hon.* David Ames)		17	
Wells (*Dr.* P. P.)	1		
Wendt (C.), Brooklyn	1		
White (Wm. A.), Brooklyn	16	45	
Wickes (Stephen, *M. D.*), Philadelphia		1	
Wilcox (H. K. W.)	1	1	
Wilkin (R. J.)	1		
Wilmington (Del.) Institute		1	
Wilson (John)	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library	1	1	
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society		2	
Yale College		3	
Yordy (E. B.)		1	
Zincken (C. F.), Leipzig		1	
Totals	558	805	759

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books for home reading during the year ending December 31, 1884, has been, as compared with the previous year:

	1883. Volumes.	1884. Volumes.
First Quarter	30,951	31,285
Second Quarter	27,637	26,837
Third Quarter	19,161	21,389
Fourth Quarter	25,920	27,437
Total for the year	103,669	106,948

These figures show a gain for the year in circulation of 3,279 volumes over the preceding year. The only falling off was in the second quarter (during the months of April, May and June), and seems fairly attributable to the financial disturbance which reached a climax about the middle of May.

The largest number of volumes put in circulation on any one day was 660, on November 29th; the smallest, 165, on August 20th.

The average number of books taken out by each member during the year was 33. The use of the Library by the annual members is more active than by the Permanent and Life Members, and would doubtless average, except in July and August, a book a week to each annual member.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use of books in the Library for reference is as useful a part of the Library's work as the home reading. A year ago shelves were erected on two sides of the Library hall, on which were placed for direct access by members, such books of reference as are most frequently wanted, such as encyclo-

pedias, dictionaries, atlases, bound volumes of Brooklyn and New York newspapers, etc.

The facility of access by all members to these very useful books has been so much appreciated, that recently shelving has been put up on the two remaining sides of the Library hall, for additional books of the same character. Among those now added, are several of the best Catalogues of other Libraries, Larousse's Dictionnaire Universel, Statutes of New York from 1850, Revised Statutes of the United States, Directories of other cities, a file of the New York *Herald* in 109 volumes, from 1852 to date, the Census Reports, Political Almanacs, etc., etc.

If there were no other books in the Library but the 1,000 on these open reference shelves, we believe that the members who use them would get their money's worth of usefulness from the Library. The total number of books consulted in the Library is estimated at 55,000, making a total use in circulation and reference of 162,000 volumes during the year, exclusive of the use of periodicals and newspapers in the Reading Room.

It is the aim of the Directors to maintain for the Library the reputation it has won of being one of the best "working" Libraries in the country; that is to say, a Library where men who have literary work to do can do it to the best advantage.

In this connection, a reference is appropriate to an enterprise that has been for some time under way in the Library, and we hope will soon be put in shape to be available to our members. Its object is to utilize our files of newspapers (except those of this city and New York) by clipping from them all items likely to be of interest for reference, classifying them under several hundred general heads, and subdividing these again into minor subjects. Mr. H. K. W. Wilcox suggested it to Mr. Noyes about a year ago, and has since been in charge of the work, a separate room having been placed at his disposal. He liberally donated to the Library a large collection of newspaper clippings of his own, extending over the last twenty years. The plan met with Mr. Noyes' cordial approval. Mr. Wilcox has now accumulated a large amount of interesting material, and the Library Com-

mittee are considering the best way of making it accessible, whether by mounting and binding, or by the use of boxes. Probably the latter would more readily allow of the constant additions necessary.

BINDING AND BULLETINS.

During the year, 277 volumes have been added to the Library, by binding up periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, etc., and 1,987 volumes have been rebound. The total expenditure for binding has been $1,683.39. The cost of binding the 109 volumes of the New York *Herald* was $3 per volume.

The number of volumes placed in paper covers was 17,425.

Bulletin No. 20, of additions to the Library, was published on December 1st, 1884, and Bulletin No. 21, on March 1st, 1885.

Hereafter the Bulletins will be published regularly in the months of March, September and December. The Bulletins have been sent free to all members, and to several thousand others, at a total cost of about $700.

CATALOGUES.

The Catalogue of our Library continues to be in fair demand. During the year fifty-three copies have been disposed of. One copy went to Italy, for the use of the Commission of the Italian Government, engaged in re-organizing their Public Libraries, and another to Japan. The apparent net cost of the Catalogue to our Library has been about $7,000.

LIGHT.

The consumption of gas in the Library Building for the year ending March 1st, was 870,000 feet, at $2 per 1,000, costing $1,740. The cost of gas for the Eastern District Branch was $146.60. We have paid this year a bill of about $900, for gas consumed during the year previous, thus swelling the total expenditure for gas to $2,724.60.

READING ROOM.

The average daily attendance at the Reading Room is estimated at 300, making a total of over 90,000 for the year.

BUILDING.

The Building has been maintained in good repair. A large safe for the safe-keeping of the books of accounts, etc., of the Library, has been purchased at an expense of $315.

Additions, as already stated, have been made to the shelving in the Reference Hall, and shelving is now being placed in one of the front rooms in the top story of the building, where it is proposed to place the files of unbound newspapers which now encumber the shelves and the floor, on the upper story of the Library hall.

No other especial expense on the building is in contemplation, but, if our means permitted, it would be a great comfort to students in the Reference Department if all the floors in the Library hall were covered with linoleum, so as to prevent the noise now caused by walking over the wooden floors.

BRANCHES.

The local deliveries at drug stores in various parts of the city have been continued, as this system is found very useful by our members who reside at a distance from the Library.

The expense of these deliveries is estimated at: Car fares, $130; boys' time, $100; total, $230.

The number of volumes delivered in this way was 5,211.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

There has been a moderate gain in the use of this Branch. The number of readers there during the year was 12,371, against 10,226 last year. Increase, 2,145.

The circulation of the Branch has been:

Drawn from the Main Library,	2,104
" " its own shelves,	3,858
Total	5,962

The cash receipts at the Branch have been $787.58, and, in addition, a number of members who use the Branch have paid at the Main Library. The total receipts at the Branch might fairly be estimated at $1,000. The expenses have been about $1,250. The rent of the room is met by the

Brooklyn Library Association of the Eastern District, and for the ensuing year is at the rate of $480 per annum.

The thanks of the Library are especially due to Mr. Geo. V. Tompkins and Mr. J. P. Reeve for the interest they have shown in the welfare of the Branch.

The only bequest made to the Library during the year was by a resident of the Eastern District, Mr. Loftis Wood. The 7th section of his will is as follows:

"I direct my said trustees, after paying out or setting apart the several amounts above mentioned, to pay out of the residue of my estate, remaining undisposed of, the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to the Brooklyn Library, and I request that said sum be invested by the trustees of said corporation, and the income applied to the purchase of books and periodicals for said Library."

It is expected that the payment of this bequest will be made in May; and as it comes from an Eastern District man, it seems proper that the income from it should be expended for the benefit of the Eastern District Branch. If it were possible for our friends in the Eastern District to bestir themselves, and make this $10,000 the nucleus of a Building Fund of $50,000, they might confer a great benefit on that section of the city by the erection of a Branch Library Building.

Beginning with a modest structure, that would cost, perhaps, $20,000, with land adjacent for future expansion, and a well selected library of 10,000 volumes, there would certainly be from the start a very useful work done, and the future would doubtless build further on the foundations thus laid.

We have confidence that before very long the enterprise and public spirit of the citizens of the Eastern District will bring this thing to pass.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At a recent meeting of our Board, an important resolution was adopted, appointing a Special Committee to confer with the Committee on Libraries of the Board of Education, and giving them power to conclude an arrangement by which the use of the Library and its Branches should be

given to the Teachers of the Public Schools, and, under their supervision, to some of the more advanced pupils, for one year, for the sum of $3,000.

The experiment proposed is, it will be observed, merely a tentative one. If, at the end of a year, it is not found to work to the mutual satisfaction of the two Institutions, it can be discontinued.

As the number of teachers in the Public Schools is about 1,600, and the number of pupils in the Central Grammar School, alone, about 500, of the average age of seventeen, it will be seen that we are entering on a large field, and that the expense for additional copies of books, additional employees, etc., may prove onerous to the Library; but the probable advantages to the whole city are so great that we should not look at the subject in a niggardly or timorous spirit.

The education of our teachers ought not to stop when they graduate from the Central Grammar School. They must keep on learning in order to teach with the best results. The total expenditure by the city on its Public Schools is over $1,300,000 yearly. How insignificant, in comparison, appears the expenditure of $3,000 for the use of a Library of 84,000 volumes, and yet, how greatly it will probably add to the value of all the rest of the expenditure! The mechanic who has the best outfit of tools will do the best work. Books are the teacher's tools, and a collection like ours, intelligently used, will be of great value to the teachers, and, through them, to their 65,000 pupils.

REMARKS

OF

MR. JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,

AT THE

FUNERAL SERVICE OF STEPHEN B. NOYES,

MARCH 15, 1885.

It is permitted to few of us to hold any considerable place in the service of our fellow men or to contribute largely to the advancement of the community in which our lot is cast. To some the opportunity is wanting, to others the suitable gifts, to others the willing mind. Immersed in the whirl of the great cities, engrossed in the bewildering competitions of business and in the pursuit of livelihood or of riches, we are fortunate in uneventful lives, and happy if we preserve kindly and just relations with those around us to the end. It was a singular chance, therefore, that led the young Harvard graduate of thirty years ago to a congenial task in the service of a newly-organized library in our city, for in that task there lay for him opportunity,—he had inherited from a scholarly parentage the sufficient gifts—and never, surely, was there brought to any service a more willing mind. The service thus begun enlarged as time went on and became a life-work, and in that life-work, faithfully and lovingly done, Stephen Buttrick Noyes became a man widely known and universally esteemed, an authority in his chosen profession, a power in the intellectual life of this community and a benefactor to us all.

Mr. Noyes clearly perceived that in the young library to which he had come was the germ of a great institution, one that should become a prominent factor in the educational work of the growing city, and to realize this idea he gave himself unreservedly for twenty-seven years, counting, as he always did, the brief period passed in the Congressional Libra-

ry at Washington as but preparation in a larger field for his work here. He lived to see the idea and the hope of his youth an accomplished reality, and to enjoy, with infinite modesty, the praises and thanks of many men, far and near.

To his mind every great library was as a seat of learning, to which all should freely resort, whether old or young, whether wise or unlettered, and from which all should be able to draw wisdom according to their several needs and capacities; and the difficult problem he at last set himself to solve was how best to convert the great collections of books here and elsewhere—those treasuries of the garnered wisdom of all times—into present, vital force, available to all; how to unlock the doors and to bring the precious books off from dusty shelves and into the active use of living men waiting to be enlightened and helped.

And so, after years of labor and of thought, and when the library had grown large and comprehensive enough to serve his purpose, he produced a catalogue of the books about him—a catalogue soon famous—a marvel of comprehensiveness, of accuracy and of utility, a key to the books of his own collection and almost equally so to every collection of good books in America, a book which for years to come will remain a boon to every student in the land.

Mr. Noyes was a man in many ways remarkably equipped for his work—a man in whom a rare combination of admirable qualities served to attract everyone, and permitted close scholarly pursuits to go on side by side with the most varied and incessant helping of other people in their work. His patience and good nature were inexhaustible; his kindly ways permitted the simple, bashful child to come to him as unrestrainedly as the trained scholar; he laid down his pen and lent a willing ear to one as readily as to the other, and so happily ordered was the varied information of his mind that to every comer he seemed at once at home, and as it were freshly read in the topic latest brought to his attention. He grudged no labor or trouble that might help another; he was always ready with helpful suggestion; he manifested no vanity or self-consciousness, for those things were not in him, and so he grew into the pleasantest and most satisfying re-

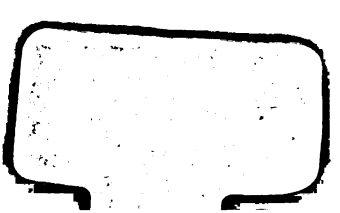
lations with hundreds of personal friends in every walk of life, and with hundreds besides who always thought of him and will always remember him as a friend. In the selection of books his views were broad and catholic. His tastes were absolutely pure and clean. Regarding every volume as a distinct personality, with influence for good or evil, he was still a mild and unprejudiced censor, but always a virtuous one. So there grew up around him a noble collection of good books; so there went on around him a constantly increasing industry of studious men and women and youth; so step by step the institution which he animated reached out its agencies over the whole city, and made its influence felt and honored on every side. In the midst of such congenial surroundings, animated by high aims and encouraged by their gradual fruition, Mr. Noyes passed his tranquil life and achieved his useful work. Others will succeed him, and the work will go on, but all must build upon the broad foundations he has laid.

It seemed fitting at this sad time, when all are oppressed with the sense of a great loss, that some one should speak on behalf of those who have been associated with Mr. Noyes in his life work, who have always loved him for his goodness and his faithfulness, but who more than ever, in this parting hour, realize that theirs have been but the helping hands, and his the inspiring mind. Hence these gladly uttered but insufficient words. His work will long survive in the richer and better lives of thousands, and the library he created will remain a monument to his useful life when we, his friends, shall have ceased from remembering and from being remembered.



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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Library was held in the Ladies' Reading-room of the Library on Thursday evening, March 31st, 1887, the President, Gen. Alfred C Barnes, in the chair, and Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., acting as Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., then read his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The President then read the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, which was adopted, and 1,500 copies ordered printed.

REV. DR. J. GLENTWORTH BUTLER then spoke briefly and in substance as follows:

It would be well if the intelligent citizens of Brooklyn more generally understood and appreciated this Institution, which has grown in a few years, under wise, generous, fostering care, to such grand proportions, and is so admirably equipped for great and increasing usefulness. Externally, the building is an architectural honor to the city, while its internal arrangements are adjusted on a liberal scale to each of the varied needs for which it provides. For the number of its volumes, the Library itself is not surpassed by any other in the high quality of its standard material in every department of study—Biblical, scientific, historical, literary and geographical. This result has been mainly attained through the eminent ability and special qualifications of the late Mr. Stephen B. Noyes, the widely-known Librarian of many years. The admirable working methods, originated by Mr. Noyes, and embodied by him in the manifold details connected with the classification, arrangement, and distribution of the books, have now been wrought into a well-nigh perfect system. And this orderly, smoothly-working system, aided by the incomparable catalogue, the almost life-labor of love of Mr. Noyes, with its subsequent serial appendices, and seconded by the courteous, ready service of intelligent, sympathetic Librarians and helpers, meets every expressed need and desire of visitor or frequenter pleasantly and effectively. These simple outline facts touching our Brooklyn Library seem fully to justify the aim of its Board of Directors to secure at as early a period as practicable a more adequate endowment, to the end that it may do a wider and more productive work. And these facts suffice to show that no other kindred interest in this City of Institutions, Literary and Beneficent, deserves a higher place in the estimate of our citizens, or calls for more generous donations to expand its already wide helpfulness. A word respecting what is known as the Free Library project. It would certainly seem that the real utilities of the scheme as proposed, may far more wisely be embodied in this exist-

ing institution, with its immense outlay in buildings, books and material already paid for, and with its established permanence, its judicious management and sufficient safeguards, than to expend a million or more in a new erection of structures and creation of trusts. Assuredly the *income* of one-half, or even of one-quarter, the amount necessary for ground, building and books alone, *here* judiciously appropriated to the free use of persons of every age and occupation, who might desire the help of Library or Reading-room in broadening their views or increasing mental culture in any direction of study, must yield the widest, best attainable results.

REV. DR JESSE B. THOMAS said: I have been for more than twenty years a grateful recipient of the benefits of this Library, as well as an observer of its growth and work. It has often been remarked that Brooklyn is not so richly endowed in the matter of libraries as many other of our cities, as Baltimore, for instance, with her Peabody, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, and now her magnificent Enoch Pratt Foundation. This is, perhaps, the less explicable when we remember that Brooklyn is pre-eminently a domestic and leisurely city, and ought to be correspondingly studious and literary. It is, however, a considerable advantage, so far, that there has been no division of interest among competing institutions, and that this institution has been so prudently located at the nucleus of lines of railroad, and so wisely and comprehensively planned for future expansion, both in itself and through its out-stations.

The mention of Mr. Beecher's name in the Report, recalls the suggestion that had arisen in my own mind before noticing the remarks of Rev. Dr. C. H. Hall, tending in the same direction—that Mr. Beecher would have been far more pleased with a living and fruitful monument than a dead one, however beautiful. Instead of attempting the enormously expensive and divisive expedient of founding a new library, however, I had hoped, and still hope for a generous movement to enlarge the resources and sphere of this institution, enabling its directors to extend its privileges to the verge of freedom, if not to absolute freedom itself. Then let a bust, in snow-white marble, from the vestibule greet every visitor, and connect his memory in a perpetual benediction with the work of elevation and enlightenment to which in life he so much contributed. Let the bronze statue look upon the drifting multitude without, but the purer and more fitting face look on the more earnest group within.

Allusion has been made to the unique and incomparable catalogue prepared under the care of the late Mr. Noyes. It deserves all the praise that has been given it. I would add, that the modest, alert, intelligent co-operation of the Librarian and his assistants makes it an easy and pleasurable thing to find whatever the shelves contain, and render the Library itself an inviting place of intellectual resort.

TWENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

Before entering upon the details of our year's work, the Directors desire to congratulate the members upon a slight but perceptible improvement in the business done, and the interest felt, in this important institution.

Against many disadvantages, and the flood of cheap literature, which tempts readers, whose tastes are not especially elevated, to purchase rather than subscribe, the Library holds its own, and makes some headway. This is largely owing to the judicious use made of the very moderate income, and to the general faithfulness of the Library Staff, headed by the Acting Librarian, Mr. Bardwell, who has carried on with signal ability the executive portion of the duties of his lamented predecessor, Mr. Noyes. His assistants, all of whom deserve kindly mention, are as follows: Mr. C. A. Horn, first assistant, Mr. J. D. Crichton, Misses E. G. Van Ingen, F. S. Bostwick, L. F. Tweedy, S. A. Beatty, F. S. Beale, M. M. Wylie, and Misses I. L. Brown and G. E. Gilbert, late of Columbia College Library, in charge of the new Card Catalogue.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books for home reading during the year ending December 31, 1886, has been, as compared with 1885:

	1885. Volumes.	1886. Volumes.
First Quarter	32,043	32,018
Second Quarter	27,849	29,315
Third Quarter	20,890	21,179
Fourth Quarter	28,311	29,640
Total for the year	109,093	112,152

These figures show a gain of 3,059 over the preceding year.

The Book Delivery and Reference Departments were closed as in 1885 during the months of July and August at 6:30 P. M., effecting a saving in gas, and without serious inconvenience to subscribers as far as ascertained.

The largest number of volumes circulated on any day during the year was 684, on January 23d; the smallest, 152, on August 14th. Average number of books taken out by each member was 33½.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

contains 1,100 volumes. Estimated number of volumes consulted, 75,000; an average of 78 times for each volume.

It is expected that the Department of Newspaper-clippings will be more thoroughly classified and arranged during the coming year, so that it will be more convenient for reference than heretofore.

READING ROOM.

During the year the attendance in the Reading Room has been from 90,000 to 100,000. The rooms have been open every Sunday afternoon, excepting in July and August. Total number of visitors for 43 Sundays was 4,335, against 4,154 for the previous year. Largest attendance, March 21st, 137; smallest, December 5th (a snow-storm), was 55; average (on Sunday), 100.

BOOKS.

The additions to the Library in detail have been as follows:

CLASSES.	Total number of vols on hand, March 1, 1886.	Additions, 1886-87.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1886-87.	Net additions, 1886-87.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1887.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	12,375	606	106	500	12,875
Biblical, Religious, and Ecclesiastical Literature	5,576	420	10	410	5,986
Science and Industrial Arts	6,620	439	96	343	6,963
Biography	6,546	301	25	276	6,822
Natural History	1,835	77	13	64	1,899
Fine Arts	2,697	487	7	480	3,177
Collective Works and Encyclopædias, etc	1,871	23	4	19	1,890
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	3,176	234	24	210	3,386
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	4,808	259	36	223	5,031
Poetry, the Drama, Essays, etc	5,941	243	34	209	6,150
Fiction	17,300	1 400	304	1,096	18,396
Foreign Languages	9,433	52		52	9,485
Bound Periodicals	6,857	346	27	319	7,176
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	3,301	1,137	15	1,122	4,423
Totals	88,336	6,024	701	5,323	93,659

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		88,336
Additions by purchase	3,600	
" " donations	1,969	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets	298	
" " exchanges with other libraries	157	
	6,024	
Deduct volumes worn out	139	
" " sold	122	
" " exchanged with other libraries	315	
" " given Union for Christian Work	25	
" " " Kings County Prison Association	100	
	701	
Total net additions for the year		5,323
" number of volumes now in Library		93,659

Books bought during the year	3,600	
Additions by binding	298	
	3,898	
Paid for books purchased		$3,725.49
" " " bound		1,372.83
Total expended for books		$5,098.32
Average cost per volume		1.31

Among the important additions during the year are:

Dale's Official Baronage, 3 vols.
Lossing's History of New York, 2 vols.
Paine's King Solomon's Temple, 1 vol.
Willis and Clarke's History Cambridge University, England, 4 vols.
Griffin's Famous Monuments of Central India, 1 vol.
Champlin and Perkins' Dictionary of Painters, etc., 4 vols.
Trumbull's History of Hartford County, Conn., 2 vols.
Turner's Seine and Loire, 1 vol.
Robinson's Farm Atlas of Brooklyn, 1 vol.

DUPLICATES.

Number of volumes of duplicates on hand from printed list of 1885	1,184
Additions of duplicates during the year	630
Number of volumes now on hand for exchange or sale	1,814

DONATIONS.

The Library has received during the year from 276 donors, 1,969 volumes, 871 pamphlets, and 1,972 numbers of magazines, etc. Some of the important donations are:

From the Department of the Interior at Washington, in addition to the regular publications for the year, 125 volumes of Senate, House and miscellaneous documents, such as were needed to complete our sets.

From the Union for Christian Work, Brooklyn, 868 volumes, chiefly Government reports and documents.

From Mr. Moncure D. Conway, 75 volumes.

" Mr. William A. White, 100 volumes, and about 400 volumes standard music, operas, etc.

From Mrs. J. B. Thompson, 94 volumes.

" Mr. Moses King, 49 volumes.

" Mr. John B. Noyes, 43 volumes.

" Mr. Chas. A. Denny, for the estate of Mr. Asa

Bigelow, 14 volumes New York City Directories, of various dates, the latest being 1841 ; a valuable collection.

From the Brooklyn *Eagle*, *Union* and *Times*, bound volumes of their papers for 1886.

From Hon. Darwin R. James, 19 volumes, including Tenth Census, and other valuable documents.

From Miss A. V. Lott, 12 volumes.

" Gen. A. C. Barnes, 27 bound volumes of reviews and periodicals, some of which were very valuable in the completion of sets.

From Mr. Chester P. Dewey, 27 volumes.

" " Archibald Kennedy, 75 volumes.

" " H. Allen Smith, 20 volumes.

" Mrs. Mary Low Huntington, 71 volumes, including many theological works.

LIST OF DONORS, 1886–87.

	Vols.	Pamphl. Nos.
Abbott (B. V.)	2	
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia		1
Ager (*Rev.* J. C.)		24
American Colonization Society		3
——— Congregational Association	1	
——— Institute of Mining Engineers		1
——— Philological Association		1
——— Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		1
——— Steam Boiler Insurance Company	1	
Amherst College		1
Andover Memorial Hall Library		1
Apprentices' Library Company		1
Arlington Town Hall		1
Astor Library	2	1
Auburn Theological Seminary		1
Baker & Co (W.)	1	
Bale & Sons (J.)		1
Ballou (M. M.)	1	
Barnes (*Gen.* Alfred C)	26	
Bates College		1
Battell (R.)	1	
Beekman (A. J.)		2
Beloit College		2
Beiss (R.)		1
Bennett (E. T.)	2	
Birmingham (England) Free Libraries		2
Bishop (J.)	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Blake (Mrs. E V.)	1		
Blunt (E.)	7		
Bogert (R. R.)			12
Boston and Lowell Railroad		2	
——— and Maine Railroad		2	
——— City Messenger's Office,	3		
——— Public Library		1	1
Bostonian Society		1	
Bowdoin College	1	3	
Bowen (C. W.)	1		
Bridgeport Public Library		1	
Brinckerhoff (A.)		1	
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Brooklyn (City of). *Board of Education.*		1	
——— ——— *Board of Elections*	1		
——— ——— *Department of Arrears and Taxes*		2	
——— ——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
——— ——— *Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute*		1	
——— ——— *Daily Eagle Office*	3	1	
——— ——— *Brooklyn Institute*	1		
——— ——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— ——— *Daily Union*	2		
——— ——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		1	
——— ——— *Union for Christian Work*	870		
Bronson Library		1	
Brown (Mr. ——)	2		
Brown (J. S.)	9		
Buffalo Library			1
Burke (E. K.)	1		
Campbell (P.)		1	
Carr (H. J.)		1	
Caspar (C. N.)		1	
Central Committee for Separation of Church and State			5
Chalmers (P.)		1	
Chicago Public Library		2	
China Inland Mission, London, England			1
Cincinnati (City of)		1	
——— Public Library	1	2	8
——— Young Men's Mercantile Library Association		1	
Claflin (J.)	1		
Claghorn (C.)		1	
Clarke (G. B.)	6		
Clarke & Co. (R.)		1	
Clark (S.)		1	
Coffin (T. E.)	1	6	12
Collins' Printing House, Philadelphia		1	
Columbia College		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Concord, N. H. *Municipal Department*		1	
Conway (Moncure D.)	75	1	
Cook (Frederick)	17		
Cook (*Professor* George H.)	2		3
Cornell University		2	2
Cowles Electric Smelting and Aluminum Company, Cleveland		1	
Cowley (E.), "Shepherd's Fold," New York City		3	
Dante Society, Cambridge, Mass.		1	
Delaware and Hudson Railroad		1	
——— Historical Society, Wilmington, Delaware		1	
Denny (C. A.)	14		
Denver and Rio Grande Railroad		3	
Detroit and Cleveland Steam Navigation Company	1		
Deutsche Gesellschaft, New York City		1	
Dewey (Chester P.)	27	78	121
Dixon (George)		4	
Donnell Bros. (M.), Chicago		1	
Dover, N. H. *City Clerk*		1	
Dryden (M. I.)	1		
Ely (George B.)			133
Ellis (George H.)	1		
Ellis (John, *M. D.*)	1	1	
Elmira *Advertiser* Association	1		
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		3	
Estes (E. C.)	9		
Fall River and Old Colony Railroad		1	
Farnham (*Rev.* J. M. W.), Shanghai, China		1	
Field (B. R., *M. D.*)		1	
Foote (A. E.)			6
Ford (A. E. and R. E.)	2		
Foster (Wolcott C.)	1	11	
Freshman (*Rev.* J.)		1	
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.		1	
Frothingham (Isaac H.)			420
Frothingham (James H.)		52	
General Society of Mechanics, New York City		1	
General Theological Library		2	
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah		2	
Gilbert (James H.)	1		
Grand Rapids Public Library		2	
Green (S. S.)		1	
Ginn & Co., Boston			1
Halifax, N. S. *Library Commissioners*		1	
Hamblet (Mrs. J.)			305
Hamilton (M. R.), *N. J. State Librarian*	2		
Hamilton Club, Brooklyn		2	
Harper & Bros.			1

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		1	4
Harvard University	2	6	7
Hatton (Samuel)	6		
Hinman (A. B.)	1		
Hobart College		2	
Hoffman (M.)			48
Hogg (J. H.)	1		
Hopkins (A. A.)	1		
Hopkins (G. M.)		1	
Huntington (M. C.)	71	1	63
Illustrated News Office, Cincinnati			1
Indianapolis Public Library		1	
Jackson (S., *D. D.*)		2	
James (Hon. Darwin R.)	19	10	
Johns Hopkins University		2	
Jones (C. M)		1	
Jung (Mrs.)	Newspaper clippings, etc.		
Kansas State Library		1	
Kennedy (Archibald)	75	29	34
Kennedy (J. B.)	1		
King (Moses)	49	2	
Kings County Homœopathic Medical Society		1	
Lancelot (G.)	1		
Latto (T. C.)	1		
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Le Row (Caroline B.)	1		
Levi Parsons Library		1	
Library of Congress		1	
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Long Island Diocese, Garden City		1	
Lott (Miss A. V.)	12		10
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
McClurg & Co. (A. C.), Chicago	1		
McCurdy (Samuel S.)		1	
MacNaughtan's Sons (Wm.)	1	1	
Maimonides Library		1	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		1	
Manvel (F. C.)			88
Marlboro' (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Massachusetts State Library		1	
Metropolitan Museum of Art		1	
Middlesex (Mass.) Mechanical Institute		1	
Mills (Mrs. E. S.)	4		
Miscellaneous	5		
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		1	
Moore (T. S.)		2	
Morgan (C. C.)	1	33	
Morgan (James L., *Jr.*)	3		21

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Morse (*Dr.* ——)		1	
Morse Institute, Natick, Mass.		1	
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
New England Historical and Genealogical Society		1	
New Jersey. *Geological Survey*		1	
" *Historical Society, Newark*	1		
" *State Library*		1	
New York City. *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
" " *Department of Public Parks*		1	
" " *Free Circulating Library*		1	
" " *Industrial Education Association*		3	
" " *Mercantile Library*		1	2
" " *Produce Exchange*	1		
" " *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
" State. *Forest Commission*	1		
" " *State Library*	1		
North Western University		2	
Noyes (John B.)	43	325	
Numismatic and Antiquarian Society		1	
Omaha Public Library		1	
Onderdonk (Henry, *Jr.*)		2	
Ottofy (*Dr.* L.), Chicago		1	
Packer Collegiate Institute	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore		1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass		1	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass			1
Perkins (Thomas A.)	2		
Perrine (H. D.)	9		
Philadelphia. *Library Company*		1	
——— *Mercantile Library*			3
Pike (Col.)		2	
Poor (H. V. & H. W)	9		
Pratt (Charles)	1		
Pray (Joseph M.)	1		
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia		1	
Providence, R. I. *Athenæum*		1	
——— ——— *Public Library*		1	
Raymond (Dr. J. H.)	5		56
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.		1	
Reynolds Library, Rochester		1	
Rhode Island Historical Society		1	
Ritter (T. L.), Poughkeepsie	3		
Robinson (Hon. W. E.)	1		
Roebling's Sons & Co. (John A.)	1		
Rogers (W. E.)	3		
Rogers (William P.)	1		
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Royal Society of Canada	1		
St. Louis Mercantile Library		1	
— ——— Public Library		1	
St. Luke's Chapel		1	
St. Paul Public Library		1	
San Francisco. *Mechanics' Institute*	1		
— ———— *Mercantile Library Association*		3	
— ——— *Oddfellows' Library Association*		1	
Saward (F. E.)		1	
Seaver (H. G.)		1	
Shepperton (A. B.)	1	1	
Simonin (*Prof.* L. J.)	1		
Smith (H. A.)	20		129
Smithsonian Institution	3	4	1
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Sprague (Homer B.), San Francisco		2	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	
Stewart (F. M.)	1		
Swansea (Eng.) Public Library		2	
Sweezey (*Miss* R. B.)	3		
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	1
Theatre Publishing Co.			1
Thomann (G.)		1	
Thomson (J. B.)	94		
Thwing (*Rev. Dr.* E. P)	1	5	
Toledo (Ohio) Public Library		1	
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		1	
Tredwell (D. M.)	1		
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Tucker (W. G., *M. D.*)		3	
Underwood (*Dr.* B. F.)			6
Union League Club, New York	1		
United States Government	261	33	191
University of Michigan		1	
" " Pennsylvania		1	
" " Rochester		1	
" " Vermont		1	
Van Brocklin (Mrs.)	7	1	72
Wallace (James P.)	1		
Wanamaker (John), Philadelphia			1
Watertown Public Library		1	
Welcker (A.), Sacramento, Cal.	1		
White (A. M.)	1		
White (W. A.)	118	68	6
Whitney (Hon. D. D.)	1		
Wickes (Stephen), Orange, N. Y.		1	
Wilkin (R. J.)			4
Williams (A. D.)			166

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Williams (J. F.)		2	
Williams College		2	
Wilmington Institute		1	
Wingate (G. W.)	2		
Wisconsin State Historical Society		2	
——— State Library	3		
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library		2	
Workingwomen's Protective Union		1	
Yale University		3	
	1,969	871	1,972

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual members are $621.57 more than during the previous year. The number of members on the 1st of March was as follows:

Annual Members (who have paid to March 1, 1887)	2,065
Extra Annual Subscriptions, at $3 (paid to March 1, 1887)	400
Life Members, by payment of $100	565
Life Members, by payment of $50	41
Permanent Members, by payment of $500	287
Total Membership on March 1st, 1887	3,358
Total Membership on March 1st, 1886	3,205
Showing a gain of	153

Since the last report the following deaths among Life and Permanent members have been recorded. *Life Members:* — Nathan Southwick, Nathaniel Putnam, James McChesney, William P. Libby, Thomas Webster, Archibald Baxter, Rev. R. W. Clark, Miss Sarah A. Duryea. *Permanent Membership:*—James F. Whitney, Thomas T. Buckley, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Library.*

*In Mr. Buckley's death the Library loses one of its earliest, most constant and most devoted friends. He was, with obvious propriety, named as one of its original Board of Trustees, over which body he presided for many years, only relinquishing his duties from the failure of his health.

Much that is of permanent excellence in the foundation of our institution is due to his judgment and active aid, whilst his personal kindliness endeared him in an exceptional degree to all who from year to year were here associated with him.

Also the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who was an honorary member.

Twelve new certificates of Life Membership have been issued, four of which were in place of two Permanent certificates surrendered.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

The number of readers visiting the rooms of this Branch has been:

Ladies	4,516
Gentlemen	7,033
Total	11,549
Against, in 1885–'86	12,174
Showing a decrease of	525

The number of books in circulation has been:

From its own shelves	5,652
" the Main Library	2,152
Total	7,804
Year previous	7,717
Showing a gain for the year of	87

DRUG STORE DELIVERIES.

Circulation through nine deliveries has been 5,536, against 6,301 for the previous year; a decrease of 765. Two of these deliveries have been discontinued, there seeming to be insufficient demand for them, owing partly to their being located near other branches which could easily accommodate the business without their aid. A weekly delivery is now established at the Post Office in Bay Ridge, for the accommodation of the residents of that section.

CLASSES.

Classes have been held, in French under Prof. L. J. Simonin and Prof. F. Berger; Spanish under Prof. J. Ramirez; Phonography, under Prof. T. J. Ellinwood, and German under Prof. Wm. A. Stamm. Net income, $489.66, a gain of $79.13 over the year previous.

From Phonography Classes	$366 66
" French Classes (Prof. Simonin)	50 00
" " " (Prof. Berger, 4 months only)	38 00
" Spanish Classes	20 00
" German Classes	15 00
	$489 66

FINANCIAL SITUATION.

In addition to the cash expenditure during the year, amounting, as per the Treasurer's Report, to $21,710.17, there has been an increase in our indebtedness, for books and other purposes, amounting to about $1,350, which should be added to the cash expenditure in order to obtain the correct financial history of the year's business. The following is a correct summary:

EXPENSES.

Books, Periodicals and Binding	$7,023 23
Building, Light, Fuel, Repairs, Janitor	4,574 51
Salaries	8,353 55
Printing, Stationery, Interest, etc	1,584 49
Card Catalogue	1,529 14
	$23,064 92

INCOME.

Income of various Funds during the year	$6,793 19	
" from Members	12,207 42	
" " Classes and Minor Sources	578 41	
" " Donations	300 00	
		$19,879 02
Deficiency for the year		$3,185 90

About one-half of this deficiency was owing to the cost of the new Card Catalogue, an expense we shall not have during the ensuing year. It is estimated that next year there will be a gain in income of $500, and that the deficiency will be about $1,100.

WEEKLY LISTS OF ADDITIONS.

Especial thanks are due the newspaper press of Brooklyn, for their constant kindness in publishing Weekly Lists of books added to our shelves. By this means the public have been kept informed of the works that were being put in circulation. These Weekly Lists of additions have been particu-

larly useful in the absence of our Bulletins, usually published three times a year, but which have been discontinued since March 1886, pending the construction of the

CARD CATALOGUE.

This Catalogue comprises the additions to the Library since the publication of the printed Catalogue, and is a complete list, arranged under the three divisions of authors, titles and subjects, of all works added from that period to the present time. An important feature of the card catalogue is its elasticity—all books being catalogued as soon as received, and the cards therefor promptly incorporated, thus supplying a continuous catalogue, which is strictly alphabetical and complete to date—an impossibility under any other system of cataloguing.

NECESSITIES.

What the Library needs most of all is a further Endowment, which will render it independent of the cares and deprivations incident to the present enforced economy. Several efforts have been made to lift it from this embarrassment, and considerable sums have been donated at different times by our public-spirited citizens, but—the amount never having been sufficient to afford a liberal support, notwithstanding constant encroachment upon the capital—only to be followed by another appeal for help.

In the history of the Library there has never been a year without a deficiency, although from time to time these accumulated deficiencies have been wiped out by appeals to the public. If a Permanent Endowment Fund of sufficient size cannot be raised, we shall be forced again to ask the public-spirited citizens of Brooklyn for at least enough to meet the pressing wants of the next few years.

The quality and quantity of work done by the Library is, of course, most patent to those who have the management of its affairs, but certainly a good deal of it must be evident to all who enter the Library building.

As an educational institution we believe that during the past year its standard has been fully maintained and even

advanced. Witness the large addition of books on such subjects as biography, travels, fine arts, encyclopædias, dictionaries, etc.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The consultation of over 75,000 volumes in our Reference Department amply demonstrates the exceeding usefulness of this growing feature of our Library. Such books as these we must buy, even if we have to borrow money to pay for them.

We have confidence that when the time comes for us to again appeal to the public, we shall be placed in a position to not only maintain, but also enlarge and extend, our work.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

ALFRED C. BARNES,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer*, *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

To Balance, March 1st, 1886			$226 34
To Receipts from Annual Members: —			
Initiation Fees	$742 00		
Dues	11,465 42		
		$12,207 42	
To Receipts from Trustees: —			
Current Income of the			
John T. Martin Fund	600 00		
Alexander M. White Fund	1,500 00		
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00		
Loftis Wood Bequest	500 00		
General Fund	3,643 78		
		6,543 78	
To Trustees of Cary Fund		249 41	
To Receipts from Classes in			
Phonography	366 66		
French—Prof. Simonin	50 00		
French—Prof. Berger (4 mos.)	38 00		
Spanish	20 00		
German	15 00		
		489 66	
To Receipts from Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins	206 25		
Less Expenses on same	134 70		
		71 55	
To Sundries—Rent, etc		9 45	
To Donations		300 00	
			19,871 27
To Bills Payable (increase)			2,000 00
			$22,097 61

By Payments for Books		$3,725 49	
Less amount from Books Sold	187 88		
		$3,537 61	
Binding		1,372 83	
Periodicals	$1,465 24		
Less amount from Periodicals sold	99 45		
		1,365 79	
			$6,276 23
Salaries (general)		8,562 55	
Salaries (special, account of Card Catalogue)		850 48	
			9,413 03
Light		1,395 37	
Fuel		323 49	
Building and Fixtures		1,277 87	
Janitor and Care of Building		1,299 95	
			4,296 68
Stationery and Printing		914 95	
Advertising		205 93	
			1,120 88
Delivery to Branches		$176 00	
Sundries		214 12	
Interest		213 23	
			603 35
			$21,710 17
By Balance, March 1, 1887			387 44
			$22,097 61

REPORT OF THE

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 28, 1887:

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 28, 1886			$2,881 53
	Endowment Fund Subscription			100 00
	Interest on Mortgage			420 00
	" " R. R. Bonds			630 00
	" " Trust Co. balance			21 29
	Payment on Mortgage account			1,000 00
	Gross Rentals No. 193 Montague Street			2,649 96
	" " No. 201 " "			3,656 77
				$11,359 55
Dr.	General Expense Account		$88 13	
	Expense Account—No. 193 Montague Street		105 45	
	" " No. 201 " "		200 33	
	Fire Insurance Premium (5 years)		1,225 00	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz.:			
	Income of White Fund	$1,500 00		
	" Martin Fund	600 00		
	" Wood Fund	500 00		
	" Cary Bequest	300 00		
	" General Fund	3,643 78		
			6,543 78	
				8,162 69
	Balance, February 28, 1887			$3,196 86

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected			$2,649 96
Less Gas	$16 84		
Repairs	22 36		
Commission	66 25		
Insurance Account	16 00		
		121 45	
Balance net income			$2,528 51

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,656 77
Less Gas	$7 70	
Repairs	101 22	
Commission	91 41	
Insurance Account	16 00	
		216 33
Balance net income		$3,440 44

The rent roll of the office buildings will be somewhat increased for the coming year. At present all the offices are occupied, and there are no arrears.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income of No. 193 Montague Street		$2,528 51
	" " No. 201 " "		3,440 44
	" " Railroad Bonds		468 00
	Interest on Mortgage		420 00
	" " Balances		21 29
			$6,878 24
Dr.	General Expense Account, Water Rates	$88 13	
	Insurance Account, one year premium	246 33	
	Payments to James L. Morgan, Jr., Treasurer, viz:		
	For income of Special Funds $2,900 00		
	" " General " 3,643 78		
		6,543 78	
			$6,878 24

An additional payment of $100 has been made during the year for account of the Permanent Endowment Fund Subscription, increasing the total collection to $83,725, the invested balance of the subscription being $2,743.86. A payment of $1,000 has been made on the Hanson Place Mortgage, and the interest thereon reduced to five per cent. from January 1, 1887.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$3,196 86
Fire Insurance Premium	980 00
Investment Account	600 00
Mortgage, Hanson Place	6,000 00
Grand St., P. P. & F. R. R. Bonds	9,567 00
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague Street	37,000 00
" " Library Building	151,863 45
" " No. 201 Montague Street	32,814 76
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89

Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		30,617 60
Endowment Fund Subscription, Balance		2 743 86
Alex. M. White Fund		25,000 00
John T. Martin Fund		10,000 00
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loftis Wood Fund		10,000 00
	$253,109 96	$253,109 96

THE INSURANCE upon Library property amounts to $217,500, including an increase of $20,000 upon books, and is distributed as follows :

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	90,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

(Signed.) JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 10, 1887.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed.) JAMES P. WALLACE,
" ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN, } *Auditing Committee.*

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I Give and Bequeath to "The Brooklyn Library," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.

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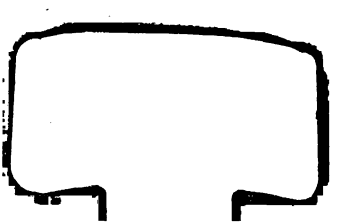
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THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Library was held in the Ladies' Reading-room of the Library on Thursday evening, March 29th, 1888, the President, Gen. Alfred C. Barnes, in the chair, and Mr. W. A. White acting as Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., read his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The President then read the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, which was accepted, and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

The following letter from Mayor Alfred C. Chapin was then read :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BROOKLYN, March 29, 1888.

ALFRED C. BARNES, *President of the Brooklyn Library :*

SIR : An imperative engagement elsewhere forces me to be absent from your interesting meeting. This is a cause of especial regret to me, as I take decided pleasure in hearing of the continued growth and expansion in usefulness of your admirable institution.

In a democracy such as ours it is important that every man should at least know how to read, and every one who can read is concerned that there should be libraries and that they should be made accessible to all. Until a comparatively recent date hardly any literature except that of the law had been comprehensively indexed, digested, codified or otherwise exhaustively analyzed. Of late, in different libraries great progress has been made in the laborious but most useful task of so mastering and arranging their resources as to make it practicable to easily guide the untrained mind to its object. The degree to which the contents of the Brooklyn Library have been systematized and made readily available has won for its competent custodians a high and deserved position in their profession. At the same time, they have placed the general community under strong obligations for the service which has thus been rendered. In two respects worth noting such work is most timely. It is timely in one respect, because the characteristic of this age is an immense enlargement of the field of physical knowledge. The stimulus that comes from the restless activity of popular government and the spread of democratic ideas has so called forth the inventive genius of man that the material progress of our era is a theme of unceasing wonder. As a consequence the details of daily life are bewilderingly varied and multiplied. We accept this condition of existence gladly, and sometimes even say boastfully that fifty years of Europe are better than a cycle of Cathay. But some substitute must be found for the tranquillity and simplicity of the ruder past. That substitute is method, organization. It rules in every department of thought or activity, and in the library makes that

attractive and inviting which otherwise would be a discouraging wilderness of bound volumes.

The work of your officials is timely again in its connection with the growing inclination of men to voluntary co-operation. The very rapidity of development already referred to magnifies the mass and dwarfs the individual. It also brings each man in contact with his fellows in numerous relations. Civil liberty—that is, the adjustment of each citizen's place so that he may perform his duties and maintain his rights without undue friction—has become so intricate and involved a matter that earnest men are everywhere pushing forward to supplement Government in its efforts to solve the problem thus presented. Furthermore, the stress of competition has caused thoughtful men to recoil from and to seriously check the impetus of their own selfishness. We see, therefore, many species of organizations spinging up to educate the citizen and to secure for him some absolute reliance apart from and outside of himself.

It is conceded, tacitly at least, that the growth of the stupendous apparatus of our highly wrought civilization, especially as exhibited in large cities, is marked by overwhelming vicissitudes whose effects the ordinary man can neither foresee nor escape. For these reasons men have come together for mutual support. They have learned that benevolence is a wiser selfishness than selfishness itself. Such organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association and many other benevolent, charitable or progressive asscciations of our city attest that part of the considerations just presented are appreciated by the liberal minds of Brooklyn. Such other organizations as the mutual benefit societies, which seek to adjust fortune's inequalities and to secure for each member the equivalent of average success, are proof that large numbers of men recognize their probable inability to cope singly and successfully with the perils common to us all.

While joining forces for other purposes we should surely combine to build up libraries and to make them of the fullest use. Since we cannot all either own every book or read everything that is printed, we must put our books together and employ skilled and patient agents to read, to collate and tabulate the collection. Because the effects of such work are necessarily diffused, appreciation of it may be less definite, but its value cannot be calculated.

You do not need to be reminded that your special field seems to be one of much promise. Here in Brooklyn we should try to preserve something of that philosophic temper which is content with moderation, something of that serenity of mind which is not easily drawn from the sure joys of home and the deeply rooted pleasures found in reading and study. Of all the passions, innate or acquired, love of study is most enduring and least consuming. When we contemplate such a life as that of George Ticknor, the wisdom of the advice given to him by Judge Prescott—"Always have ten years' work laid out before you if you wish to be happy;" his own wisdom in never failing to fulfill the injunction; his interest in the Boston Public Library; his death at four score, while still engrossed in the love of learning; or, when we contemplate among the living the historian Bancroft, devoted at more than four score to the studies begun so long ago, argument is not needed to demonstrate that no other allurements are as great, no other rewards are as certain and abiding as those found in the field of labor upon which you have so honorably entered.

No effort should be spared to bring your work to the knowledge and opportunity of every one. You have acted wisely in establishing branch offices for

application and distribution. Brooklyn shows a constant tendency to grow upon its borders rather than to fill up or to grow by piling story upon story. This fact makes it especially desirable that such agencies as yours should reach out to its farthest limits if they can do so.

Again regretting that I cannot be with you, I am,

Very respectfully,

ALFRED C. CHAPIN.

The Rev. John W. Chadwick congratulated the Directors and friends of the Library on its general prosperity as shown by the report. "But how little of the good actually accomplished can be shown by such a report however carefully prepared? Think of the pleasure and the help involved in the use of 108,000 books by different individuals and families! I can judge a little by our experience, and I am glad of an opportunity to express my gratitude to an institution which has done more for me than all the other social institutions of our city. In Mr. Noyes I had a personal friend, and I often thought that as my friend, not merely as librarian *ex-officio*, he did many things for me. But I am now persuaded that he did nothing for me that he would not gladly have done for any patron of the Library. And while I can claim no special intimacy with Mr. Bardwell and his assistants, I find them all as ready to put themselves at my service as ever was the friend whose work has made our library well and honorably known all the world over."

"When I was in England a few months ago, no place in which I found myself gave me a more genuine thrill of satisfaction and delight than the great rotunda of the British Museum. What a magnificent array of books! And yet I was informed they only numbered 80,000, ten thousand less than we have here. Of course the 80,000 in full view in the rotunda are but a fraction of the whole amount in the museum. I only mean to indicate what a show we could make if we could have all our books spread out on one continuous surface instead of tucking them away in alcoves."

"The experience of free libraries is convincing that our usefulness would be more than doubled if we could reduce the subscription fee of the Brooklyn Library to one-half its present amount. I do not believe that the wealthy men of Brooklyn will long be able to resist the silent eloquence of such work as this library is doing, and the example of the Pratts of Brooklyn and Baltimore and other cities. We want the Brooklyn Library under its traditional control more liberally endowed, and I should think our millionaires would tread upon each other in their endeavor to be first in forwarding the happy day."

"We do not want a library under municipal control. We have enough civil officers already, our civil service not yet being securely on a business basis."

MR. RICHARD R. BOWKER, a prominent advocate of international copyright, next made some remarks, of which it is a matter of regret that we have no report. He stated that about $5,000,000 had been given in the United States during the past year for the establishment and support of libraries. Year by year the gifts for this purpose are increasing. Rich men's money is drifting more and more in this direction. A library has two relations: of joy and of service. The Brooklyn Library is reaching nearer and nearer to its final goal—a free library. But, meanwhile, it is fulfilling the relation of service.

In these days of haste and waste we hear a great deal of nervous prostration. This emphasizes the need of all of us for some solace such as books. The average of wages to each wage-earner in this country is $1.50 per day. This does not leave much margin for luxury. We ought to do all in our power to make life worth living to them. They need free libraries. The environments of common life should be made comfortable and pleasurable. The true gospel of labor is, as Powderly has said in his last letter, for workers to cease to strike at other people, and to educate themselves.

DR. E. P. THWING desired to express his indebtedness as a clergyman and physician, to this library and its most attentive attendants. It is an exhilarating thought to contemplate the opulence of a single stream like this, which flows, as Columbus said of the Orinoco, "not from an island, but from a continent," the vast domain of literature, enriched by the wealth of centuries. Literature is the immortality of speech. The brazen stylus of Thucydides, the quill of swan held by Xenophon and Plato's pen of gold are lost, but their recorded thoughts are imperishable. Professor Thwing wished to make two suggestions: the need of more definite instruction, for our youth particularly, as to the choice and use of books; how to utilize the fruits of reading for ready reference, the revival of the lost art of conversation, and how thereby to make one's public utterances as spontaneous in style as they are opulent in measure, meriting the encomium passed on Aaron by his Maker, "I know that he can speak well."

The other suggestion was that the Brooklyn Library should be a Free Library with as large endowments and as few restrictions as possible. Related so vitally to our domestic, educational and civic life it deserves, and should demand the most generous recognition of its claims.

THIRTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

Our Institution has added yet another year to its long record of usefulness. Our patrons have carried home the usual variety of new and entertaining reading, and the alcoves have sheltered the studious learner amid an inexhaustible wealth of bound and indexed knowledge.

The contribution which has thus been made to the sum of human happiness and the advance of human intelligence cannot be recorded, and we must content ourselves with the more material statistics which the faithful Acting Librarian, Mr. Bardwell, has been able to gather, as follows:

CIRCULATION.

A comparison of the circulation of books for home reading, during the year ending December 31, 1887, with 1886, shows the following result:

	1886. Volumes.	1887. Volumes.
First Quarter	32,018	32,536
Second Quarter	29,315	27,628
Third Quarter	21,179	19,832
Fourth Quarter	29,640	28,715
	112,152	108,711

These figures show a decrease of 3,441 from the preceding year.

The Book Delivery and Reference Departments were closed as usual during the months of July and August at 6:30 P. M., effecting a saving in gas and relieving subscribers and the attendants from the heat caused by it at this season of the year.

The largest number of books circulated on any day during the year was 735, on February 19th; the smallest, 162, on July 2d. Average number of books taken out by each member was 33.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Contains over 1,100 volumes. Estimated number of volumes consulted, 85,000; an average of 77 times for each volume. This department of the Library is especially popular, it being difficult at times to accommodate all who wish to use it. The Department of Newspaper Clippings is being gradually classified and prepared for use. The arrangement will be by subjects, and on very much the same plan as the printed and card catalogues. The Class of Individual Biography is now completed in 30 volumes, arranged alphabetically by subjects.

READING ROOM.

During the year the attendance has been estimated at 100,000. The rooms have been open every Sunday afternoon, excepting in July and August. Total number of visitors for 43 Sundays was 3,641, against 4,335 for the previous year. Largest attendance, December 11th, 122; smallest, January 1st, 1888, (a rain storm), was 42. Average (on Sunday) about 85.

BOOKS.

The additions to the Library in detail have been as follows:

CLASSES.	Total number of vols on hand, March 1, 1887.	Additions, 1887–88.	Worn out, sold, ex changed etc. 1887–88.	Net additions, 1887–88.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1888.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	12,875	1,078	35	1,043	13,918
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	5,986	212	15	197	6,183
Science and Industrial Arts	6,963	342	41	301	7,264
Biography	6,822	290	13	277	7,099
Natural History	1,899	91	4	87	1,986
Fine Arts	3,177	67	4	63	3,240
Collective Works and Encyclopedias, etc	1,890	18	...	18	1,908
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	3,386	163	20	143	3.529
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	5,031	151	8	143	5,174
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	6,150	195	16	179	6,329
Fiction	18,396	1,148	239	909	19.305
Foreign Languages	9.485	51	4	47	9.532
Bound Periodicals	7,176	218	10	208	7,384
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	4,423	117	20	97	4,520
Totals	93,659	4,141	429	3.712	97,371

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			93,659
Additions by purchase		2,975	
" " donations		824	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets		275	
" " exchanges with other libraries		67	
		4,141	
Deduct volumes worn out	210		
" " sold	68		
" " exchanged	151		
		429	
			3,712
			97,371
Books bought during the year		2,975	
Additions by binding		275	
Total			3,250 vols.

Books purchased, amount in cost, to	$4,182 00
" bound	915 00
Total expended for books	$5,097 00

Average cost per volume of new books, $1.34.
Total number of volumes bound during the year (new and old), 1,631.

Among important additions during the year are:

Justin Winsor's Narrative and Critical History of America, vols. 2–5.
Brownson's Works, 19 vols.
Duruy's History of Rome, 8 vols., in 16 parts.
Racinet. L'Ornement Polychrome.
Rose's Modern Machine Shop Practice, 2 vols.
Goethe's Faust, illustrated, folio ed.
Treasures of Art at the U. S. Centennial Exhibition, 1876. 50 colored plates.
Hipkins & Gibb. History of Musical Instruments.
Tryon's Conchology, vol. 9, 1st series, and vol. 3, 2d series.
Burns' Carpentry.
" Masonry.
Hamersly's Army and Navy Register, last edition.

DUPLICATES.

Number of volumes of duplicates on hand from printed and written lists of 1885–86 and 1886–87	1,446
Additions of duplicates during 1887–88	604
Total number of volumes now on hand for sale or exchange	2,050

DONATIONS.

The Library has received during the year from 289 donors, 824 volumes, 556 pamphlets and 2,340 numbers of magazines, etc. Among the important works donated are the following: From the various Departments of the United States Government at Washington 202 volumes, documents and official reports, besides a number of Signal Service reports, and publications of the various Departments sent at request to fill up sets.

From Mr. G. W. Crabb, 189 volumes.
" J. Milhau's Sons, 39 volumes, chiefly medical works.
" Hon. Darwin R. James, 31 volumes.
" Mrs. G. B. Brainerd, 27 volumes.
" Mr. Wm. C. Sanger, 26 volumes; also a quantity of pamphlets and numbers of magazines.

From Mr. Wm. A. White, 25 volumes.

" " Jas. L. Morgan, Jr., 20 volumes.

" " R. R. Bowker, 14 volumes.

" The New York State Library, 14 volumes.

" The Library of Columbia College, N. Y., 12 volumes and many pamphlets, all relating to this college.

From Mrs. M. L. Pike, 7 volumes and a collection of pamphlets relating to the Island of Mauritius.

From New York State Department, Albany, Adironack State Land Survey to 1886 and set of Assembly documents.

From New York State Department, Journals of the Military Expedition of Maj.-Gen. John Sullivan in 1779.

From Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, D. D., Bible Work, Old Testament, Vol. I., presented by the author.

From The Brooklyn daily newspapers, bound half yearly volumes from the *Citizen*, *Eagle*, *Standard-Union* and *Times*.

From Mrs. Braun, 516 numbers of periodicals.

" Dr. N. B. Sizer, 884 numbers of periodicals, chiefly medical.

From Rev. E. P. Thwing, 27 pamphlets on miscellaneous subjects; and various other gifts too numerous for specification from friends of the Institution.

LIST OF DONORS, 1887–88.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Abbott (B. V.)	2		
Actors' Fund of America		1	
Adams (C. F.)		1	
Albany Medical College		1	
——— Young Men's Association		1	
Allen (W. S.)	1		
American Astronomical Society			3
——— Colonization Society		3	
——— Congregational Association		1	
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
——— New Church Tract Society		1	
——— Philatelist			5
——— Philological Association		1	
——— Public Health Association		1	
Ames (J. G.)		1	
Amherst College		2	
Anderson (*Prof.* John J.)	1		
Andover Theological Seminary		1	
Astor Library	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Atmore (C. P.)		1	
Auburn Theological Seminary		1	
Baker (*Rev.* Chas. R.)	1		
Ballou (M. M.)	1		
Bangor (Me.,) *Mayor's Office*	1		
Bardwell (W. A.)		1	
Barnwell (J. G.)			1
Battell (Robbins)			2
Beloit College		1	
Birchard Library	1		
Blackett (H. S.)		1	
Blackford (E. G.)		1	
Bobrick (G. A.)		1	
Boston and Maine Railroad	1		
——— City Messenger's Office	1		
——— Congregationalist Office		1	
——— Maverick National Bank	1		
——— Public Library		1	1
Bowdoin College		1	
Bowen (C. W.)		3	
Bowker (R. R.)	14	3	
Brainerd (*Mrs.*)	27		
Branner (J. C.) Little Rock, *State Geologist*		2	
Braun (*Mrs.*)	5		516
Bridgeport Public Library		1	
British Medical Association		1	
Brockton (Mass.) *Municipal Department*		1	
Brookline Public Library		1	
Brooklyn (City of) *Association for Improving Condition of the Poor*		1	
——— *Board of Elections*	1		
——— *Brooklyn Citizen*	1		
——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
——— *Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute*	1		
——— *Daily Eagle*	3	1	
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Daily Union*	4		
——— *Preparatory School*		1	
——— *Standard-Union*	2		
——— *Surrogate's Office*		1	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*	1	2	10
Buffalo Library		1	
——— *Evening News*	1		
Butler (J. G., *D.D.*)	1		
Button (Wm. G.)	1	1	
Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal		11	
Cassell & Co., New York		1	
Cedar Rapids Agricultural College		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Chalmers (Patrick)		1	
Chapman (Charles J.)		1	
Chartiers Valley Gas Company, Pittsburgh, Pa		2	
Chicago Public Library			2
——— *Railway Age*		1	
Cincinnati Public Library	1	3	3
———Young Men's Mercantile Library Association		1	
Clark (S)	1		
Cobden Club, London (Eng)		2	
Coffin (F. E.)	1		
Collamer (N. L.)			1
Collet (C. D.)			9
Columbia College	1		
Comstock (N.)	2		
Cook (*Hon.* Frederick)	22		
Cook (Geo. H.)		3	8
Cooper Union		2	
Cornell University		3	2
Crabb (G. W.)	189	1	
Crichton (J. D.)		1	
Dawson Bros.	1		
Dayton Public Library		1	
Delaware Historical Society	1		
De Pauw University		1	
Detroit Public Library		1	
Dewey (Chester P.)	4	26	34
Dewey (Melvil)	12	59	50
Domett (H. W.)	1		
Ebsworth (G. D.)	13		
Eccles (*Dr.* R. B.)	1		
Ellis (G. E.)		1	
Ellis (John, *M. D.*)	1		
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		3	
Evangelides (A. C.)	1	9	
Foster (W. C.)	1	6	
Francis (Jos.)		1	
Freshman, (*Rev.* J.)		1	
Frothingham (James H.)	2		
Fry (Mrs.)	6		
Fryer (*Dr.* Alf. C.)	3		
Fulton (Hamilton)	1		
German Society, N. Y. city		1	
Grand Rapids Public School Library		1	
Grange (E. L.)			1
Gray (David)		2	
Griffin (M. I. J.)		1	
Great Yarmouth (Eng.) Free Library		1	
Griswold (Stephen M.)	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Griswold (W. M.)			1
Hageman (*Rev.* S. M.)	1		
Halifax (N. S.) Library		1	
Hamblet (James)			1
Hamilton Club			2
Hamilton (H. D.)		1	
Hart (*Rev.* L. W.)	1	4	1
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		2	2
Harvard Observatory		2	
——————— University	3	1	8
Helleberg (C. J.)	1		
Heyde (A.)			1
Hirsh (Hugo)	1		
Hobart College		1	
Hoffman (*Mrs.* L.)			56
Hogg (*Prof.* Alex'r)		1	
Hope College		1	
Hurlburt (D. B.)	1		
Ingersoll (Wm. H.)	6		
Jackson (*Mr.*)	9		
Jackson (Hen R.)		1	
Jacobs (*Hon.* J. C.)	2		
James (Darwin R.)	31	9	2
Johns Hopkins University		1	
Joslin (H. V. A.)	1		
Kalisch (Sam.)	1		
Kings County Homœopathic Medical Society		1	
Klackner (C.)		1	
Lancaster (Mass.) Library		1	
Lancelot (*Miss* G.)	1		
Latto (John B.)		1	
Latto (Thos. C.)		1	
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Lewis (C. H. K.)			1
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Lothrop (D. and Co.)			1
Lowell (Mass.) City Library		1	
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
McMathewson (A.)		4	
MacNaughton (W. and *Sons.*)		2	
Maimonides Library		1	
Malden (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		1	
Manvel (F. C.)			11
Marble (M.)			1
Marlboro' (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Martin (C. C.)	6		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Mason (Edw. T.)	3		
Massachusetts State Library	1		
Matthews (Robt,)		1	
Medical Society of Kings Co	12		
Mercer (A. G., *D.D.*)	1		
Middlesex (Mass.) Mechanics' Association		1	
Milhaus (J., Sons.)	39	2	1
Milwaukee Public Library			5
Miscellaneous	1	3	1
Moffatt (John L., *M. D.*)	1		
Morgan (James L., *Jr.*)	20	3	20
Morse Institute, Natick, Mass		1	
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary		1	
Nattinger (G. M.)		2	
Nevins Memorial Library	2	1	
Newark (N. J.) Library Association		1	
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Newberry Library		1	
Newcomb (*Prof.* S.)	1		
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		2	1
New Jersey *Bureau of Statistics*	1		
——— *Historical Society, Newark*		1	
——— *State Library*	1		
Newton (S.)		1	
New York City. *Academy of Sciences*			16
——— *Adirondack Railway Company*		1	
——— *Apprentices' Library*			7
——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
——— *Free Circulating Library*		1	
——— *Historical Society*	1		
——— *Industrial Educational Association*			1
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	1
——— *National Civil Service Reform League.*		1	
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
——— State. *Chamber of Commerce*	1		
——— *Fish Commission*		2	
——— *Forest Commission*	1		
——— *Railroad Commission*	2		
——— *State Library*	14	1	
North American Review	1		
North Western University		1	
Noyes (J. A,)		1	
Olivet College, Michigan		2	
Omaha Public Library		1	
Otterson (A., *M. D.*)		2	
Patterson (Calvin)		1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass		1	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass		2	
Peelle (Wm. A.)		4	
Petherick (E. A.)			1
Pickering (E. C.)	1		
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library Company*		1	
——— *Library Company*		1	1
——— *Mercantile Library*		3	3
Phillips (B.)		1	
Phillips Exeter Academy		2	
Pike (*Mrs.* M. L.)	7	25	85
Pope Manufacturing Company		1	
Portsmouth (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Poughkeepsie City Library			8
Providence, R. I., *Athenæum*		1	
——— *Public Library*		2	
Rarig (W. C.)		1	
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I		1	
Reeves and Turner, London (Eng.)			1
Ritter (*Mrs.* F. R.)	1		
Rochester (N. Y.) University		1	
Rose (Wm. W.)	1		
St. Louis Mercantile Library		1	
——— Public Library		1	
St. Paul Chamber of Commerce		1	
——— Public Library		2	
San Francisco. *Common Schools*		1	
——— *Mechanics Institute*	1		
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	
Sanger (Wm. C.)	26	30	35
Sanitarian Office		1	
Sawyer Free Library	1		
Schoonmaker (Aug.)	1		
Scribner (Chas., *Sons*)		6	
Shortt (W. A.)	1		
Simms (Jos., *M. D.*)	1		
Sims (W.)	1		
Sizer (*Dr.* N. B.)		10	884
Smith (E.)	1		
Smith (Egbert C.)		1	
Smithsonian Institution	7	5	
Southbridge (Mass.), *Municipal Department*		1	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	
Stone (David M.)	1		
Stranahan (*Hon.* J. S. T.)	1		
Sutro (Theo.)	1		
Swansea (Eng.) Public Library		1	
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Thomann (G.)	2		
Thompson (D. P.)	1		
Thwing (*Rev.* E. P.)		27	
Toledo (Ohio) Public Library		1	
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		1	
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct		1	
Tufts College		1	
Underwood (B. F.)		1	
Underwood (B. G.)	1		1
United States Government	202	56	519
University of California		1	
——— Richmond		1	
——— Virginia		2	
Wallace (Jas. P.)	2		
Warner Observatory, Rochester, N. Y		1	
Wellington (J. B.)		1	
Wells (H. W.)	8		
White (W. A.)	25	39	6
Wickes (S., *M. D.*)		13	
Wilcox (Julius)	1		
Wilson (John, *and* Son)		1	
Wilson (N. and Co.)	1		
Wilson (Ric. A.)	1		
Winslow (John)		1	
Winsor (Justin)			2
Wisconsin State Historical Society	1		
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Woman's Prison Association		1	
Wood (J. W.)	13	7	4
Woodruffe (E. H.)		1	
Yale University	1	3	
Total	824	556	2,340

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from membership are $330.40 less than during the previous year. The number of members on the first of March was as follows:

Annual Members (who have paid to March 1, 1888)	2,006
Extra Annual Subscriptions, at $3 (paid to March 1, 1888)	392
Life Members, by payment of $100	557
Life Members, by payment of $50	40
Permanent Members, by payment of $500	287
Total Membership on March 1, 1888	3,282
Total Membership on March 1, 1887	3,358
Showing a loss of	76

Since the last report the following deaths among *Life* and *Permanent Members* have occurred: *Life Members:*—Cornelius R. Elwell, James How, Wm. B. Hunter, Herman Koop, Richard H. Manning, Joseph H. Marvin, David Moffat, Alex. Munn, Jr., James Spence. *Permanent Members:*—Alfred S. Barnes, Seymour L. Husted, Mrs. E. E. Lowber, Wm H. Mellen.

We regret to record, also, the very recent death of a Permanent member, long a patron of the Library, Mr. Henry E. Pierrepont.

No new certificates of *Life Membership* have been issued and but two *Permanent Certificates*, both of which were to replace others surrendered.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

The number of readers visiting the room has been:

Ladies	4,250
Gentlemen	7,236
Total	11,486
Against 1886	11,549

The number of books circulated has been:

From its own shelves	5,216
From the main Library	2,013
Total	7,229
Year previous	7,804

DRUG STORE DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered at the seven other branches, exclusive of the Eastern District, was 5,996, against 5,536 for the previous year, an increase of 460. The weekly delivery at the Post Office in Bay Ridge is continued for the accommodation of residents in that locality. Applications have been made by subscribers for stations at points in Gowanus, East Brooklyn and Greenpoint. It is a matter of regret that our finances will not at present admit of any increased expense in this direction.

CLASSES.

Classes have been held in Phonography and Typewriting

under Prof. T. J. Ellinwood; French, under Prof. L. J. Simonin and F. Berger; Italian under Prof. P. Cianelli; German under Prof. A. Dreyspring; and Spanish under Prof. R. D. Cortina. Net income, $454.46, a decrease of $35.20 from the year previous.

From Phonography Classes	$264 96
" French Classes (Prof. Simonin)	64 00
" " " (Prof. Berger, 3 months only)	28 50
" German Classes	50 00
" Spanish Classes	33 00
" Italian Classes	14 00
Total	$454 46

CARD CATALOGUE.

This catalogue, giving a complete list, by author, title and subject of all additions to the Library since the publication of the printed catalogue, is kept complete to date, cards being written and incorporated for the books added to the shelves from week to week. Its use by subscribers is becoming more general, only a slight acquaintance with it being requisite to demonstrate its usefulness in imparting information regarding the most recent additions on any and every subject.

GAS.

A comparison of the amount of gas used in 1886 and 1887, shows a decrease of 175,500 cubic feet during the past year, which, in connection with the reduction of price has effected a saving of $478.72, as compared with the previous year. Notwithstanding this economical result the quality of light throughout the building has been satisfactory.

WEEKLY LIST OF ADDITIONS.

We wish to express again our gratitude to the Brooklyn newspapers for their continued kindness in publishing weekly lists of books added to our shelves. Only one bulletin, and this a selection of some 2,000 titles out of 7,600 added since the last printed bulletin, has been published by the Library during the year, so that the public have depended largely on the lists printed in the papers for information regarding

new accessions. The Library is often mentioned in the public journals of Brooklyn and New York, and always in a kindly and helpful spirit that deserves its best thanks.

BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

Since our last report four new stacks of shelving have been put up in the attic for the accommodation of the Government documents and unbound files of magazines, etc. More shelving is required and should be provided at an early date. The Reading Rooms have been newly painted, and in lighter colors than formerly, with greater powers of reflection, making the light much better, both day-time and evening. A covering of linoleum for the floors of the Library and Reading Rooms would add to the comfort of the members by decreasing the noise which is unavoidably made in walking on a hard surface. This should receive attention as soon as our finances will admit.

ESPECIAL WORK DONE.

Aside from the usual routine work of the Library, the following may be mentioned as accomplished: The U. S. Documents, and the various State Documents and Reports have been removed from the gallery, thoroughly revised and rearranged on the new shelves in the upper story, the duplicates put away, and a separate catalogue of documents, etc., corrected to date, has been made for the use of readers and Library officials. Several of the classes have been removed from the main floor to the gallery, to the space formerly occupied by documents—thus leaving room for growth and expansion of crowded classes below. The new manuscript Inventory of Fiction in 6 vols. has been completed, the books rearranged and renumbered and placed in their new order on the shelves. By the new system of compiling, the authors' names are arranged in alphabetical order. Each author has a separate and distinguishing number, and all the works of each author are grouped under his name. Extra lists for references have been made of author-names and pseudonyms, and also of 4to and 24mo. vols.

The Pamphlets (of which a rough list was made last

year) are now being carefully revised and additions incorporated. A new and complete catalogue written on slips is in progress. The arrangement is by subjects.

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Now consists of the following ladies and gentlemen, who have been untiring in their efforts and attendance:

Acting Librarian, W. A. Bardwell; First Assistant, Mr. J. D. Crichton; other assistants, Mr. J. B. Latto and Misses E. G. Van Ingen, F. S. Bostwick, L. F. Tweedy, S. A. Beatty, F. S. Beale, M. M. Wylie; and Miss G. E. Gilbert, late of Columbia College Library, in charge of the new Card Catalogue and Department of Newspaper Clippings.

FINANCIAL SITUATION.

"Economy" has been the motto of the Directors, and earnest endeavors have been made by them to restrict their expenditures to the amount of the income of the Library, but the great increase and variation which has taken place during the past five years, in the literary work accomplished within the Library by its members, and the extended demands of its readers of general literature, have both combined to render it impossible for the Board to curtail its disbursements without injuring the efficiency of the Institution. Each year the Directors have believed that the benefits offered by the Library would result in an augmented income, following an increase in the number of subscribers, but their labors appear not to have been appreciated, as the amount of initiation fees and annual dues, received during the past fiscal year, is $330.42 less than the corresponding receipts for the preceding year, and the income from all sources has been reduced $569.81.

Following a plan of rigid economy the expenditures have been lessened $1,542.98 during the same period, but the purchase of new books has been but little curtailed, being $3,176.08 for the year ending March 1st, 1888, and $3,537.61 for the preceding year.

The floating debt last year was about $1,650. The Trea-

surer reports now the amount at $3.353.37, contained in the following items:

Books	$1,744 39	
Periodicals	498 35	
Gas	806 72	
Sundries	303 91	
		$3.353 37

During the past five years the Library has borrowed upon its own credit various amounts, beginning with $2,000, and now amounting to $6,000. A portion of this indebtedness is represented by the payment of a temporary loan, amounting to $1,000, during the year 1887; but the whole amount may be accounted for by reference to the provisions made by the Directors to meet the continued and repeated demands upon the Library by its members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR.

EXPENSES.

Books, Periodicals and Binding		$5,505 06
Building, Light, Fuel, Janitor and Care of Building		3,905 56
Salaries		9,190 38
Printing and Stationery, Bulletins and Catalogues		873 69
Advertising, Interest, etc.		851 42
		$20,326 11

INCOME.

Income of various Funds during the year	$6,634 24	
" from Members	11,877 02	
" " Classes and Minor Sources	862 62	
		$19,373 88
Deficiency for the year		952 23

NECESSITIES.

The Library needs, in order to prosecute its work satisfactorily, a larger membership. As in any business, a certain amount of patronage is required to cover running expenses, anything beyond that resulting in a profit; so with a Library, the fund received from a given number of subscribers is requisite for actual cost of maintenance; all receipts beyond this point can be used for the purchase of books. Were our

membership 1,000 more than it is to-day, which seems possible in so large a city as Brooklyn, the expenses would be very little more than at present, and nearly all of the $5,000 of additional income could be invested in new books. Members who induce their friends to join can have the satisfaction of knowing that every dollar they bring in goes to increase the number of volumes for circulation.

To citizens of Brooklyn possessing large means, and to those who favor Free Public Libraries, we would say that were our permanent Endowment Fund large enough to admit of the expense, we should be ready and glad to take a step in that direction by reducing the price of annual subscription to $3, or as much less than that amount as our income would permit.

REMARKS.

From the foregoing *resumé* it is apparent that the patronage of the Library has waned somewhat. This is attributable partly to the flood of indiscriminate cheap literature, which continues to devastate the land, and partly to the establishment of several new free libraries for popular use.

There is good reason to hope that the wholesale reprinting, not of the best, but of the most trivial productions of foreign authors, will be checked by the passage of the international copyright bill now pending before Congress. Certain eyes that were blinded by self-interest are now opened by the same agency to the fact that American literary dishonesty in past years has brought its inevitable retribution in crippled home talent and a vitiated taste in reading. It is a pleasant announcement that all classes of persons, interested either from patriotic or business motives, have at last united upon a practical measure of reform.

We must speak in a different spirit of our new coadjutors, the Free Libraries. The city is to be congratulated on their advent, and the older Institution cordially welcomes their service to aid and supplement its own. The more Libraries, the more readers. In such a benevolent competition each must rejoice in the success of the other. Possibly some plan may be devised for an interchange of facilities or even a

combination of resources, and thus the work can be done on the largest scale by the most popular method. Many of the friends of the Brooklyn Library have long desired to see it placed on a free foundation. The problem of Endowment must first be solved. Meanwhile the miserable limitations of finance alone are likely to bound our powers. A determined effort is needed to exorcise this imp of an annual deficit, which comes regularly at this season to stare us in the face. Fortunately the real estate owned by the Corporation is developing a somewhat greater earning capacity, and it is believed that several rooms in the building itself may be rented to advantage. For the rest, we recommend the most rigid economy in all matters which do not affect the reasonable duty of the Library to the community.

Without further expostulation, the guardians of this well-stored treasury of wisdom will continue to do whatever their means may permit in preserving and recruiting their charge, holding this great collection in all affection and reverence, for truly "Books are the legacies that genius leaves to mankind, to be delivered down from generation to generation as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn."

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. BARNES,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer*, *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

To Balance, March 1st, 1887.....				$387 44	By Payments for Books.....	$3,330 70		
Receipts from Annual Members:—					Less amount from Books Sold....	154 12		
Initiation fees.....	$673 00						$3,176 58	
Dues.....	11,204 02				Binding.....		841 62	
		$11,877 02			Periodicals.....	1,332 74		
To Receipts from Trustees:— Current Income of the					Less amount from Periodicals sold	8 80		
John T. Martin Fund.....	600 00						1,323 94	
Alexander M. White Fund....	1,500 00							$5,342 14
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest.....	300 00							
Loftis Wood Bequest.....	500 00				Salaries (general)...		8,573 33	
General Fund.....	3,584 74				Salaries (special, account of Card Catalogue).....		617 05	
		6,484 74						9,190 38
To Trustees of Cary Fund.....		149 50			Light.....		1,194 96	
To Receipts from Classes in					Fuel.....		577 05	
Phonography.....	264 96				Building and Fixtures.....		831 37	
French.....	92 50				Janitor and Care of Building.....		1,302 18	
German.....	50 00							3,905 56
Spanish.....	33 00				Bulletins and Catalogues.....		240 90	
Italian.....	14 00				Stationery and Printing.....		632 79	
		454 46			Advertising.....		116 25	
To Receipts from Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins.....		159 44						989 94
To Sundries—Rent, etc.....		85 80			Delivery to Branches		197 10	
			19,210 96		Sundries.....		186 74	
To Bills Payable (increase).....			1,000 00		Interest.....		351 33	
								735 17
								$20,163 19
					By Balance, March 1st, 1888.....			435 21
			$20,598 40					$20,598 40

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library :

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 29, 1888.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 28, 1887			$3,196 86
	Interest on Mortgage			300 00
	" " R. R. Bonds			630 00
	" " Trust Co. Balances			11 60
	Gross Rentals on No. 193 Montague Street			2,862 19
	" " 201 "			3,803 36
				$10,804 01
Dr.	General Expense Account		$192 60	
	Expense Account No. 193 Montague Street		281 33	
	" " 201 "		534 50	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz.:			
	Income of White Fund	$1,500 00		
	" Martin Fund	600 00		
	" Wood Fund	500 00		
	" Cary Bequest	300 00		
	" General Fund	3,584 74		
			6,484 74	
				7,493 17
	Balance February 29, 1888			$3,310 84

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

No. 193 *Montague Street.*

Gross Rentals Collected			$2,862 19
Less Gas	60		
Repairs	209 18		
Commission	71 55		
Insurance Account	16 00		
		297 33	
Balance Net Income			$2,564 86

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,803 36
Less Gas	8 36	
Repairs	415 05	
Commission	95 09	
Insurance Account	16 00	
		534 50
Balance net income		$3,268 86

The rent roll of the office buildings for the coming year will probably not materially change. The premises are now entirely occupied, and no arrears exist.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income of No. 193 Montague Street		$2,564 86
	" " No. 201 " "		3,268 86
	" " Railroad Bonds		468 00
	Interest on Mortgage		300 00
	" " Balances		11 60
			$6,613 32
Dr.	General Expense Account, viz:		
	Water Rates	$90 00	
	Printing	33 60	
	Repairs to Library	85 00	
		$208 60	
	Insurance Account, premium for one year on Library Books, Furniture, etc.	213 00	
	Payments to Jas. L. Morgan, Jr., Treas., viz:		
	For income of Special Funds. $2,900 00		
	" " General " .. 3.584 74		
		6,484 74	
			6,906 34
	Balance at debit of account		$293 02

The above balance results from an unlooked for necessity for repairs to the heating apparatus in the building, No. 201 Montague Street, and the payment of the bill therefor to the Directors to enable them to adjust a settlement.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$3,310 84
Fire Insurance Premium account	735 00
Investment account	600 00
Mortgage, Hanson Place	6,000 00
Grand Street, Prospect Park and Flatbush bonds	9,405 00
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague street	37,000 00
" " " 201 Montague street	32,814 76
" " Library Building	151,863 45
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89
General Income account	293 02

Building Fund	$169,161	00
Book Fund	587	50
General Fund	30,617	60
Endowment Fund Subscription, balance	2,743	86
Alexander M. White Fund	25,000	00
John T. Martin Fund	10,000	00
Maria Cary Bequest	5,000	00
Loftis Wood Fund	10,000	00
	$253,109 96	$253,109 96

The insurance upon Library property amounts to $217,500.00, as at date of the last report, and is distributed in the same manner, viz:

On Library Building	$80,000	00
Books, etc	90,000	00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500	00
No. 193 Montague street	20,000	00
No. 201 Montague street	20,000	00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 8, 1888.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN T. MARTIN,
WM. AUG. WHITE,
ALFD. C. BARNES,
} *Auditing Committee.*

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to "THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.

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THIRTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

From year to year the steady record of usefulness realized by this Institution has to be repeated. There are few salient or novel features to emphasize. The value of the work consists in its untiring continuity and the impressions made upon the hearts and minds of thousands, thus contributing to the information, the refinement, and the moral elevation of the community which it is our honor to serve.

The following details are contributed by Mr. Bardwell, who has for faithful and efficient service been promoted to the full rank of Librarian.

CIRCULATION.

The number of books issued for home reading during 1888 as compared with 1887, is as follows:

	1887. Volumes.	1888. Volumes.
First Quarter	32,536	31,548
Second Quarter	27,628	26,675
Third Quarter	19,832	19,320
Fourth Quarter	28,715	27,054
	108,711	104,597

This comparison shows a decrease of 4,114 volumes from 1887. The Book Delivery and Reference Departments of

the Library were closed as usual during July and August at 6:30 P. M.

The largest number of books circulated in any one day during the year was 706, on January 14, 1888; the smallest, 31, on March 12th, the day of the Blizzard.

The average number of books issued to each member was 33.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

is increasing in popularity, its use during the past year having been greater than ever before; the convenient arrangement of so large a number of books of reference making it a favorite resort for study and research.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

The Scrap or Newspaper clipping collection is in process of development. This department is designed to contain extracts relating to various topics of interest, and the material thus acquired will be arranged under subject headings according to the system used in the printed catalogue. The collection at present comprises 33 volumes.

Agriculture	1	Volume.
Amusements and Sports	2	"
Biography (individual)	23	"
Botany	1	"
Countries, Brooklyn (early history)	2	"
Countries, Brooklyn (Bridge)	1	"
Countries, Long Island	1	"
Festivals and Holidays	1	"
Forestry	1	"

Other volumes on topics relating to the history of Brooklyn, New York, etc., are in course of preparation.

READING ROOM.

The attendance during the year has been fully up to that of former years, and is estimated to be over 100,000. The Ladies' Reading Room has recently been rented to the Brooklyn Incandescent Electric Light Company, by which arrangement the income of the Library will be materially increased. The room has always been rather more orna-

mental than useful, having been used not so much for a reading as for a waiting-room, for which purpose it has, undoubtedly, been a convenience. It is hoped, however, that the loss of this room will not be seriously felt by our members, and that any inconvenience experienced may be more than atoned for by the contemplation of the large number of new books that can be bought with the sum received from its rental.

The substitution of the incandescent electric light for gas in the Reading Room gives very general satisfaction. The increased quantity of light and the improved ventilation must be evident to all who use the room.

Sunday attendance in the Reading Room shows a slight increase over 1887, the record showing a total of 3,783 visitors for the forty-three Sundays on which the rooms were open, against 3,641 for the previous year. It should, perhaps, be more generally understood that on Sundays the use of the Reading Room is not, as on week days, restricted to members of the Library, but is open to all who choose to visit it, the hours during which it is open being from 2 to 6 o'clock P. M., and on all Sundays, excepting those of July and August. The largest attendance on any Sunday in 1888 was 117, on March 25th; the smallest, 30, on September 2d. Average Sunday attendance, 88.

The number of books added by purchase during the year is 2,344 against 2,975 in 1887–8. While the number of volumes bought is less than in some former reports, owing to the limited fund for this purpose, improvement in the quality of the additions has been kept constantly in view by buying the best books of the day, leaving out some of less acknowledged merit.

Books are frequently purchased, when no good reason for their exclusion exists, at the suggestion of subscribers.

BOOKS.

The additions to the Library during the year have been as follows:

CLASSES.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1888.	Additions, 1888–89.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1888–89.	Net additions, 1888–89.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1889.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	13,918	601	19	582	14,500
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	6,183	181	7	174	6,357
Science and Industrial Arts	7,264	371	5	366	7,630
Biography	7,099	252	10	242	7,341
Natural History	1,986	78	3	75	2,061
Fine Arts	3,240	75	2	73	3,313
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc	1,908	23	...	23	1,931
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	3,529	126	2	124	3,653
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	5,174	175	6	169	5,343
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	6,329	209	6	203	6,532
Fiction	19,305	897	67	830	20,135
Foreign Languages	9,532	66	2	64	9,596
Bound Periodicals	7,384	177	4	173	7,557
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	4,520	214	11	203	4,723
Total	97,371	3,445	144	3,301	100,672

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			97,371
Additions by purchase		2,344	
" " donations		767	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets		301	
" " exchanges with other libraries		33	
		3,445	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	50		
" " sold	48		
" " exchanged	46		
		144	
			3,301
Total			100,672
Books bought during the year		2,344	
Additions by binding		301	
Total		2,645	vols.

Books purchased, amount in cash, to	$2,730 51
" bound, amount in cash, to	749 38
Making total expended for books	$3,479 89

Average cost per volume of new books, $1.16.5
Total number volumes (new and old), bound during the year, 1,383.
Number of books repaired in Library during year. 1,425. Number of books covered (with paper covers) and lettered, 16,630.

Some of the important works added during the year are:

Muybridge's Animal Locomotion: a portfolio of heliotype illustrations.
Wood's Reference Hand-book of the Medical Sciences, vols. 6, 7.
Stedman & Hutchinson's Library of American Literature, 10 vols.
Henry H. Richardson (the architect) and his work.
Miner (Harriet's) Orchids: the royal family of plants.
Sinclair's Indigenous Flowers of the Hawaiian Islands.
Life of Governeur Morris, 2 vols.
Tryon's Manual of Conchology, vols. 4 and 10.
Loftie's Kensington.
Bonvalot's Heart of Asia, 2 vols.
Rein's Industries of Japan.
Captain Gronow's Reminiscences, 2 vols. Colored plates.

DUPLICATES.

Number of volumes of duplicate books on hand from printed and written lists of 1885–87	2,050
Net additions during 1888–89	213
Total number of volumes now on hand for sale or exchange	2,263

A list of selections from the more desirable works among these will probably be prepared before long with a view to further exchange or sales.

DONATIONS.

During the year the Library has received from 313 donors, 767 volumes, 1,082 pamphlets, and 1,155 numbers of magazines, etc. From the various departments of the United States Government at Washington, 194 volumes, public documents and official reports, besides a number of minor publications issued by the departments, and sent at request to complete sets. Among individual donors worthy of special mention are:

Mr. R. R. Bowker, who sent 49 volumes.
" B. W. Howe, who sent 48 volumes.
" J. L. Morgan, Jr., who sent 26 volumes.
" J. L. Dibble, who sent 22 volumes.
" C. P. Dewey, who sent 20 volumes.
" Wm. A. White, who sent 17 volumes.
Miss E. E. Barnes, who sent 17 volumes.
Dr. C. D. Cook, who sent 9 volumes.
Mr. Wm. Cary Sanger, who sent 6 volumes.
Prof. L. J. Simonin, who sent 14 volumes.
Prof. E. P. Thwing, who sent 7 volumes and 76 pamphlets.
Mr. A. T. White, who sent 12 volumes.
" John W. Wood, who sent 6 volumes and 28 pamphlets.

From Mr. J. Stanford Brown, 126 volumes, chiefly German classics and philosophical writings.

Through the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, 19 volumes.

From Mrs. J. S. T. Stranahan a copy of her work, entitled "A History of French Painting."

From Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, D.D., Bible-work (Old Testament, vol. 2), presented by the author.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers, half-yearly bound volumes of the *Eagle*, *Standard-Union*, and *Times*.

LIST OF DONORS, 1888–89.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Abbott (B. V.)	6		
Actors' Fund of America		1	
Albany Medical College		1	
Allen (E. G.)	1		
American Bookseller			1
——— Colonization Society		3	
——— Congregational Association		1	
——— Humane Association		1	
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	2		
——— New Church Tract Society		1	1
——— Philatelic Association			2
——— Philological Association		1	
Ames Free Library		1	
Amherst College		2	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Andover Municipal Department		1	
——— Theological Seminary		1	
Appleton (D. & Co.)	1		
Astor Library	1	2	
Auburn Theological Seminary		1	
Ayer (J. C. & Co.)	1		
Bacon (*Hon.* A. S.)		1	
Bacon (W. P.)	7		23
Baker (*Rev.* C.)	1		
Ballou (M. M.)	1		
Bangor (Me.), Public Library		1	
Bardwell (W. A.)	1		
Barnardo (*Dr.* J. T. J.)		2	
Barnes (*Miss* E. E.)	18		
Barnes (Eug. F.)		1	
Battell (Robbins)		3	
Beecher (Wm. C.)	2		
Beloit College		1	
Benedict (R. D.)	1		
Benton (J. H., Jr.)		1	
Berger (F.)		3	
Bigelow Free Library		1	
Birmingham (Eng.) Free Libraries		1	
Bishop (James)	1		
Black (J. C.)			1
Bodleian Library, Oxford	1		
Boston City Messenger's Office	2		
——— Public Library		1	3
Bowdoin College		2	
Bowker (R. R.)	49	17	
Bradford (Eng.) Public Free Libraries		1	
Bradlee (*Rev.* C. D.)	1		
Bradley (A. C.)		3	222
Branner (J. C.) Little Rock, *State Geologist*		3	
Bridgeport Public Library		1	
Britton (N. L.)			22
Brockett (*Dr.* L. P.)	1		
Bronson Library		2	
Brookline Public Library		1	
Brooklyn (City of) *Association for Improving Condition of the Poor*		1	
——— *Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute*			5
——— *Daily Eagle*	6	1	
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Department of Arrears*		22	
——— *Department of Charities*		1	
——— *Department of Police*	1		
——— *Long Island Historical Society*		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Brooklyn (City of) *Orphan Asylum Society*		1	
——— *Standard-Union*	3		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		1	3
Brown (John C., *LL. D.*)	2		
Brown (J. S.)	126	35	26
Brown University		1	
Bulkley (*Mrs.* A. J.)	1		
Butler (J. G., *D. D.*)	1		
Cardiff (Eng.) Free Library		1	
Carstens (H.)			1
Chicago *Department of Public Works*		1	
Cincinnati Public Library	1	2	4
——— Young Men's Mercantile Association		1	
Cole (*Capt.* J. E.)		6	
Cole (R. F.)		2	
Collett (C. D.)			10
Commelin (*Mrs.* A. C.)	1		
Concord (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Cook (*Dr.* C. D.)	9		
Cook (*Hon.* Frederick)	6		
Cook (Geo. H.)	1		2
Cooper Union		2	
Corlies (E. W.)		1	
Cornell University	1		4
Cottmann (*Dr.* V. L.)	1		
Crichton (J. D.)		1	
Darling (*Gen.* C. W.)		1	
Davidson (J. A.)		2	
Dayton Public Library		2	
Delaware Historical Society		3	
Dennison (G. A.)	2		
Detroit Public Library		2	
Deutsche Gesellschaft, N. Y. City		2	
Dewey (Chester P.)	20	48	13
Dibble (J. L.)	22	4	
Dickinson (E. B.)	2	100	
Eccles (*Dr.* R. G.)		1	
Echevarria y Reyes (A.)	1		
Elliott (A. M.)			1
Ely (*Miss*)			57
Ennis (B. W.)	1		
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		2	
Erickson (E. N.)	1		
Essex Institute		1	
Evans (T. C.)	1		
Federal Reporter Office			2
Foster (W. C.)		3	1
Freshman (*Rev.* J.)		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, (Pa.)		1	
Fryer (*Dr.* A. C.)	2		
Fulton (H.)		2	
Gast (Harriet A.)		1	
Gatschet (A. S.)			4
General Theological Library, Boston		2	
Gildehaus (Chas.)	1		
Ginn *and Co.*		1	1
Grand Rapids Board of Trade		1	
——— Public School Library		1	
Great Yarmouth (Eng.) Free Library		1	
Green (S. A.)	3		
Green (P. M.)		1	
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		1	5
——— Theological Seminary		3	
Harvard Observatory			1
——— University	1	3	2
Haverhill Public Library	1		
Hawkins (F. B.)			2
Heffley (N. P.)		1	
Herries (W.)		1	
Historical Society of Pennsylvania	1		
Hobart College		1	
Hoffer (J. R.)		1	
Hoffmann (*Mrs.* M.)			39
Homans (B.)			6
Howe (B. W.)	48		
"Hunt" office, New York City			1
Hussey (*Dr.* C. G.)	1		
Imperial Review, Melbourne, Aus		1	
Indianapolis Public Library		1	
——— Public Schools Board		1	
——— State Library		1	
James (Darwin R.)	3		1
Johns Hopkins University		2	
Johnson (J. G., *M.D.*)		2	
Jones (Alfred)	1		
Kansas State Historical Society		1	
Kings County Department of Charities, etc		1	
——— Homœopathic Medical Society		1	
Kittinger (C. H.)		2	
Kretzschmar (P. H., *M.D.*)		3	
Lancaster (Mass.) Library		1	
Latto (J. B.)	3	1	
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Leeson (J. R.)	1	1	
Lehigh University		1	
Leigh (C. C.)		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Lewis (H. K.)			1
Liebig's Extract of Meat Co		1	
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Long Island Diocese		1	
Lowell (Mass.) City Library		1	
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		2	
McClintock (J. N.)			2
Macfee (R. M.)	1	1	
Maclay (A. C.)	2		
Maimonides Library		1	
Malden (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		1	
Manvel (F. C.)			14
Maritime Canal Co., of Nicaragua			6
Marlboro' (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Martin (C. C.)	1	2	
Martin (W. S.)		1	
Mason (E. T.)	3		
Mason (L. D., *M. D.*)		5	
Massachusetts State Library	1		
Maxwell (W. H.)		1	
Meynen (*Miss* H. A.)	13		
Milwaukee Public Library		8	4
Minnesota Historical Society		1	
Miscellaneous	6	12	1
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		1	
Moffat (J. L., *M. D.*)	1		
Moffat (R. C.)	1	46	310
Molee (Elias, *Ph. D.*)	1		
Monson (Mass.) Free Library		2	
Montvert Co., Middletown, Vt		1	
Morgan (J. L., *Jr.*)	26		
Morse Institute, Natick, Mass		1	
Nash (E. W.)			4
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
New Jersey *Historical Society, Newark*	1	17	2
——— *State Geologist, Trenton*		1	
New York City. *Academy of Anthropology*		1	
——— *Academy of Sciences*			4
——— *Apprentices' Library*	1		3
——— *Columbia College*		1	
——— *Free Circulating Library*		2	
——— *Historical Society*	1	2	
——— *Industrial Educational Association*			1
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	1
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Shakespeare Society*		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
New York City. *Working Women's Protective Union*		1	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		1	
——— State. *State Library*		1	
——— *State Reservation at Niagara*		1	
Norcross (J. E.)	1		
Nutting (*Hon.* N. W.)	4		
Ohio Meteorological Bureau		3	
Omaha Board of Trade		2	
——— Public Library	1	1	
Papillon (A. F. W.)	1		
Parker (Geo.)		1	
"Path" Office, N. Y. City		1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore		1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass		2	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass		1	
Peck (Wallace)	1		
Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg	15	1	
Perry (C. M.)	1	20	
Petherick (E. A. *and Co.*)			1
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library Company*		1	
——— *Library Company*		1	1
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	4
——— *Social Science Association*		1	
Phillips (H., *Jr.*)		1	
Phillips (J. O. H.)	1		
Phillips Exeter Academy		1	
Porter (J. C.)		2	
Portsmouth (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Potts (Wm.)	1	215	2
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn		1	1
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia		1	
Princeton College			1
Prosser (Thos. *and Son*)	2		
Providence, R. I. *Athenæum*		1	
——— *Public Library*		1	
Publishing World Office, New York City			1
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.		1	
Reed (Homer)		1	
Reeve (J. P.)			4
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.		1	
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence		2	
Rider (S. S.)	1		1
Robinson (*Hon.* W. E.)	2		
Rogers (W. E.)	4		
Ropes (Ripley)		2	
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal	1		
Royal Society, London, Eng			2

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
St. Louis Public Library		1	
St. Paul Public Library		1	
San Francisco *Common Schools*		1	
——— *Free Public Library*		1	
——— *Mechanics' Institute*	1		
——— *Odd Fellows' Library Association*		1	
Sanger (W. C.)	6	23	24
Shakespeare Memorial Library, Stratford-on-Avon		1	
Shannon (R. C.)	1		
Simonin (L. J.)	14		
Skilton (L. J.)	1	2	2
Smithsonian Institution	20	2	
Somers (D. M.)	1		
Sone (F. D.)		1	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	
Statesman Publishing Co., Chicago			2
Stranahan (*Mrs.* C. H.)	1		
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	1
Thiry (J. H.)		3	
Thomann (G.)		1	
Thompson (D. G.)	2		
Thorne (H. L.)		2	5
Thwing (*Dr.* E. P.)	7	71	5
Topeka (Kan.) State Library		2	
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn		1	
Tucker (W., *M. D.*)		2	
Tufts College		1	
Typothetæ Society, New York City		1	
Underwood (*Dr.* B. F.)		63	
Union Theological Seminary		1	
United States Government	193	41	235
University of California		1	
——— Michigan		1	
——— Pennsylvania	1		
——— Rochester		3	
——— Vermont		2	
——— Virginia		4	
Vandyke (J. C.)		1	
Van Rennselaer (*Rev. Dr.*)	1		
Van Sicklen (G. W.)	1		
Vassar College		1	
Vogelsang Screw Propeller Co		2	
Waltham (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Watertown Free Public Library		1	
Wesleyan University			1
White (A. T.)	12	10	
White (W. A.)	17	38	9
Wickes (S., *M. D.*)		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Wilcox (Julius)	7		
Wilkin (R. J.)			18
Wilmington Institute, Del.		2	
Winchell (*Prof.* N. H.)	2	1	3
Winslow (John)		1	
Winsor (Justin)		1	7
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania		1	
Wood (J. W.)	6	18	10
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Wright (S. M.)		1	
Yale University		3	
Yeomans (*Mrs.* J.)	1		
Total	767	1,082	1,155

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from membership are $694.60 less than last year. The number of members on March 1st was as follows :

Annual Members (who have paid to March 1, 1889)	1,947
Extra Annual Subscriptions, at $3 (paid to March 1, 1889)	339
Life Members, by payment of $100	544
Life Members, by payment of $50	39
Permanent Members, by payment of $500	287
Total Membership on March 1, 1889	3,156
Total Membership on March 1, 1888	3,282
Showing a decrease of	126

Since the last report the following deaths among *Life* and *Permanent Members* have occurred : *Life Members* :—H. C. Parker, N. W. T. Hatch, W. S. Tisdale, Samuel Daniels, Rev. J. H. H. Brown, A. Thomson, C. Otto, C. Muller, Charles J. Lowrey, John J. Van Nostrand, S. S. Osborne, James Spence, A. J. Lightbourne, H. M. Peckham, Charles E. Bill.

Permanent Members :—Henry E. Pierrepont, George B. Douglas, D. C. Robbins, Amos Robbins, Charles C. Tatham, Joseph W. Green, S. B. Chittenden.

No new certificates of *Life Membership* have been issued; ten *Permanent Certificates* have been issued, but all of them in place of others surrendered.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

The number of visitors using the room has been :

Ladies	3,839
Gentlemen	7,589
Total	11,428
Against 1887	11,486

The number of books circulated has been :

From its own shelves	5,160
From the Main Library	1,868
Total	7,028
Year previous	7,229

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered at the eight branch stations, exclusive of the Eastern District and including the Bay Ridge Station, was 5,330, against 5,996 for 1887, a decrease of 666.

CLASSES.

Instruction has been given in Phonography and Typewriting by Prof. T. J. Ellinwood; French by Prof. L. J. Simonin; German by Prof. F. Wilmowsky; Spanish by Prof. R. D. Cortina, and Italian by Prof. Giulio Dalumi. Net income, $541.96, an increase of $87.50 over the previous year.

From Phonography Classes	$339.96
" French "	107.00
" German "	35.00
" Spanish "	45.00
" Italian "	15.00
Total	$541.96

BULLETIN AND CARD CATALOGUE.

One bulletin of additions has been published during the year. This was issued on December 1st and comprised about 2,000 titles out of the 3,301 volumes added. The list is complete as regards works of fiction, with a selection from other classes. All additions are catalogued and the entries incorporated from week to week in the card catalogue under author, title, and subject.

WEEKLY LISTS OF ADDITIONS

have also been posted in the Delivery Room, and published in the Brooklyn newspapers, whose kindness to the Library has been constant and unwearied, and to whom we desire to express our grateful acknowledgments.

GAS, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

No special improvements have been made during the year, with the exception of the introduction of the Electric Light in the Reading Room in place of gas, as before mentioned. The amount of gas consumed shows a decrease of 20,928 cubic feet in consumption, owing principally to the use of electric light for several weeks in place of gas, as stated. The total cost for lighting shows a decrease in cost of $22.82 as compared with last year.

More shelving should be provided at an early day, as some classes of books are becoming crowded and need additional room.

ESPECIAL WORK DONE.

Aside from the usual routine work of the Library the following items may be mentioned as having been accomplished during the year.

1. A slip-list of pamphlets in the Library, arranged by subjects, has been completed and is now ready for the use of readers; and an author-list of the same with cross references has been added. This index will serve as a key to the pamphlets, which will be found useful in conjunction with the newspaper clippings, in supplementing the information contained in the bound volumes of the Library.

2. A new and revised inventory has been made of works in foreign languages in the Library (exclusive of German works). The arrangement is by authors' names, but to prevent confusion, the old shelf arrangement and numbering are retained.

3. The periodicals, newspapers, state publications and public documents kept in the stock room are being thoroughly re-arranged and shelved so as to economize space as much as possible: and a separate manuscript list of these books and periodicals is being prepared.

FINANCES.

In reference to the financial position of the Association the statements of the respective Treasurers of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will furnish all needed information. It is worthy of mention that during the past year, by careful management and strict economy, the usual annual deficiency has been avoided; a comparison of the receipts and expenditures for the year giving the following results:

Actual receipts for the year	$19,380.20
Actual expenses for the year	19,256.84
Showing balance on creditor side of account for year	$123.36

In place of this satisfactory state of finances, a similar comparison of receipts and expenses for 1887-8 showed a deficiency of $952.23.

THE LIBRARY STAFF

now consists of the following ladies and gentlemen, who have been untiring in their efforts and attendance:

Librarian, Mr. W. A. Bardwell; First Assistant, Mr. J. D. Crichton; other assistants, Mr. J. B. Latto and Misses E. G. Van Ingen, F. S. Bostwick, S. A. Beatty, L. F. Tweedy, F. S. Beale, E. M. Johnson and A. H. Greene.

ENDOWMENT.

This subject continues to receive the attention which it deserves, but as yet no practicable way has appeared to realize the very large sum necessary to place the Library on a purely benevolent basis. The income of about $7,000 from the invested funds of the Institution and about $11,000 from memberships is barely sufficient for the service of its 3,000 patrons.

In a city of 800,000 people, this seems a meagre achievement. Who will put us in a position to throw wide our doors to every comer? The Library might properly be an integral part of the system of public instruction, and as such should be liberally subsidized from public funds. The present management would willingly surrender its functions to any other properly constituted authority representing the

people, and equipped with adequate powers and resources. Failing this, there is a great opportunity for one or more of the liberal friends of education in Brooklyn, by a surpassing exertion, to put the Library on a free foundation forever, and so earn the gratitude of future generations, and also relieve the Directors of any further necessity for making their annual complaint, of which they are becoming almost ashamed.

CONCLUSION.

We cannot better illustrate the educational value of a Library than by quoting the words of an old writer, Richard Aungervyle, who died A. D. 1345. "Let us consider," he wrote, "how a great commodity of doctrine exists in books, how easily, how secretly, how safely, they expose the nakedness of human ignorance, without putting it to shame. These are the masters who instruct us without rods or ferrules, without hard words in anger, without clothes or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep; if investigating, you interrogate them, they conceal nothing; if you mistake them, they never grumble; if you are ignorant, they cannot laugh at you."

The Library is a university, and every good book a professor or a tutor. Each member is a student, pursuing with more or less energy and method an elective course. It is almost a duty for those who appreciate such advantages for themselves to induce their friends to join us. New members make a very advantageous investment for themselves, and at the same time greatly increase the general facilities. Pending the realization of the large hopes above expressed, the annual subscription fees are of the utmost importance, and we solicit the good citizens of Brooklyn to augment them largely. Each five dollar fee buys several books. The Librarian will welcome all visitors and patrons, and try to prove to them the sincerity of our purpose to make this Institution a potent factor in the welfare of our city.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. BARNES,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer,* *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1888		$435 21
Initiation fees	$643 00	
Dues	10,542 42	
		11,185 42
Trustees: Current Income of the		
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Alex. M. White Fund	1,750 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
Loftis Wood Bequest	250 00	
General Fund	4,000 32	
		6,900 32
Trustees of Cary Fund		242 64
Classes in Phonography	339 96	
Classes in French	107 00	
Classes in German	35 00	
Classes in Spanish	45 00	
Classes in Italian	15 00	
		541 96
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		142 45
Sundries—Donations, Rent, etc		367 41
		19,815 41
Bills Payable (increase)		3,000 00
		$22,815 41

By Books	$4,483 74	
Less amount from Books sold	59 52	
		$4,424 22
Binding		749 38
Periodicals	1,770 64	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	9 63	
		1,761 01
Salaries		8,994 11
Light	2,222 92	
Fuel	511 52	
Building and Fixtures	839 60	
Janitor and Care of Building	1,301 80	
		4,875 84
Bulletins and Catalogues	278 22	
Stationery and Printing	484 72	
Advertising	194 10	
		957 04
Delivery to Branches	190 00	
Sundries	204 43	
Interest	454 18	
		848 61
		$22,610 21
Balance, March 1, 1889		205 20
		$22,815 41

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit their Report, as follows, of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 28, 1889.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 29, 1888		$3,310 84
	Interest on Mortgage		300 00
	" " R. R. Bonds		630 00
	" " Trust Co. Balances		17 09
	Discount on Steam-heating bills of 1888		14 65
	Gross Rentals on No. 193 Montague Street		3,080 04
	" " " " 201 Montague Street		3,860 00
	" " " Library Building		250 55
			$11,463 17
Dr.	Expense Account No. 193 Montague Street	$242 33	
	" " No. 201 Montague Street	257 09	
	" " Library Building	52 57	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz:		
	Income of White Fund	$1,500 00	
	" " Martin Fund	600 00	
	" " Wood Fund	500 00	
	" " Cary Bequest	300 00	
	" " General Fund	4,000 32	
		6,900 32	
			7,452 31
	Balance February 28, 1889		$4,010 86

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE SAME BUILDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,080 04
Less Water Rates	$24 00	
Repairs	141 33	
Commission	77 00	
Insurance Account	16 00	
		258 33
Balance Net Income		$2,821 71

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,860 00
Discount on Bill of 1888		14 65
Less Water Rates	$24 00	
Gas	5 28	
Repairs	131 31	
Commission Account	96 50	
Insurance Account	16 00	
		273 09
Balance Net Income		$3,601 56

LIBRARY BUILDING.

Gross Rentals Collected		$250 55
Less Water Rates	$42 00	
Repairs	7 64	
Commission	2 93	
Insurance Account	96 00	
		148 57
Balance Net Income		$101 98

The rent roll of the office buildings shows a slight increase over the previous year; that of the Library proper will be materially enlarged by the leasing of the large room, heretofore known as the Ladies' Reading Room, which by common consent had come to be considered superfluous for the uses originally contemplated for it. There are no arrears of rentals.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income of No. 193 Montague Street		$2,821 71
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		3,601 56
	" " " Library Building		101 98
	" " " Railroad Bonds		468 00
	Interest on Mortgage		300 00
	" " Balances		17 09
			$7,310 34
Dr.	Balance, February 29, 1888	$293 02	
	Insurance Account, premium for one year on Books, Furniture, etc.	117 00	
	Payments to Jas. L. Morgan, Jr. Treas., viz:		
	Income of Special Funds	$2,900 00	
	Income of General Funds	4,000 32	
		6,900 32	
			$7,310 34

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$4,010 86	
Fire Insurance Premium account	490 00	
Investment account	600 00	
Mortgage, Hanson Place	6,000 00	
Grand Street, Prospect Park and Flatbush bonds	9,243 00	
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague Street	37,000 00	
Real Estate, No. 201 Montague Street	32,814 76	
Real Estate, Library Building	151,863 45	
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		30,617 60
Endowment Fund Subscription, balance		2,743 86
Alexander M. White Fund		25,000 00
John T. Martin Fund		10,000 00
Maria Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loftis Wood Fund		10,000 00
	$253,109 96	$253,109 96

The insurance upon Library property remains as at date of the last report, distributed as follows:

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	90,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00

Which, by order of the Board of Trustees, is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1889.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN T. MARTIN,
WM. AUG. WHITE, } *Auditing Committee*

Memorial Notice

OF THE

HON. SIMEON B. CHITTENDEN.

The late Hon. Simeon B. Chittenden was one of the organizers of the Brooklyn Library, then called the Mercantile Library, and throughout his life was one of its warmest friends and supporters. At a joint meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors of the institution held April 17th, to take formal action upon his death, the following minute was adopted:

Simeon Baldwin Chittenden, born in Guilford, Conn., March 29, 1814. Died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 14, 1889.

The Trustees and Directors of the Brooklyn Library, convened upon the announcement of the death of Hon. Simeon B. Chittenden, desire to place upon their records an expression of their profound sorrow at an event which brings to themselves and to the community, to their institution and to all institutions of learning and of benevolence in our midst, an irreparable loss.

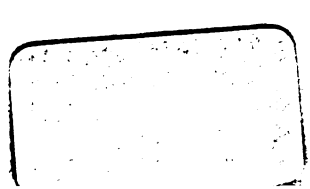
Among the many and tried friends of the Brooklyn Library Simeon Baldwin Chittenden has always stood pre-eminent. Through all the years of its existence he has been its constant, unfailing benefactor. In all the larger movements of its development he has given life to its purposes, alike by the wisdom of his counsels, the timeliness and ardor of his co-operation and the munificence of his gifts. No project for enlarging its usefulness or extending its influence has found him weary of the cause or indifferent to the future, and up to the close of life, and in the midst of great personal infirmity and suffering, he found time and the desire to plan for us still larger benefits. Whatever the Library is to-day, and it may attain hereafter, as an educational power in Brooklyn, rest upon the foundation of his enlightened generosity.

Holding him thus in affectionate and honored remembrance for his manifold goodness to this institution, we must equally honor him for kindred services in the community, wherein for more than a generation he has held a distinguished place. Throughout those years, eventful in the history of the city and in the life of the nation, he has continually and conspicuously illustrated with many sided public and private virtue the attributes of good citizenship. To every great movement of his time he has lent with untiring zeal the creative energy of his strong will, his lofty purpose, his exalted patriotism and his unstinting charity. His impress is known on every hand, his influence survives in enduring works, his memory will be cherished in the grateful hearts of his fellow citizens.



FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to "THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

The growth of the public Library in the United States is an interesting study. The very first of its kind is supposed to have been the one founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1732, and his example set a fashion which was quite widely followed. Nevertheless, at the beginning of the present century all the public Libraries of the country contained not more than fifty thousand volumes, one-third of them theological.

But the spirit of Franklin will never cease to move among this people. The sapling which he planted proved the parent stock of a forest of Libraries. One grows wherever there is a population to gather around it. One of the towering trees stands in Brooklyn, and the rustling leaves of 100,000 books proclaim its importance and usefulness.

The early growth of the public library system was slow. It took one hundred years from Franklin's foundation to get a good start, but for the last half century the progress made has been surprising. Every city, town and village has its collection of books, free to all, or accessible upon the payment of a small fee.

When a Library is established the primary object is usually to furnish reading matter for amusement and entertainment. The idea of instruction comes later, and soon the Library is recognized as an adjunct of the school, and, in many cases, it is supported by taxation as a part of the system of public education. Its privileges are shared by all classes, rich and poor alike. Hence, it is a purely democratic institution. A recent writer has said, "The influence of these centers of intelligence makes better citizens of our young people, enlarges the thought of the older ones, and enables many, no doubt, to bear the ills of life better, and affords entertainment for many an idle hour."

The Brooklyn Library tries to realize all this, and it is pleasant to record in our Annual Report that the good work in our own particular parish is done, as ever, with patience and success. In giving an account of their stewardship the Directors can say that every effort has been made to get the best results which limited means permit. The officers and assistants have faithfully discharged their duties. The following interesting statistics have been compiled by Librarian Bardwell.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes purchased during the past year was 2,260. The best books published during the year have been added, and in cases of very popular works, largely duplicated. Suggestions from subscribers regarding the purchase of works not in the Library are always gratefully received and usually acted upon. The additions of books during the year have been as follows:

CLASSES.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1889	Additions, 1889–90.	Worn out, sold, ex changed, etc., 1889–90.	Net additions, 1889–90.	Total volumes on hand, March 1, 1890.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	14,500	1,031	359	672	15,172
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	6,357	237	185	52	6,409
Science and Industrial Arts	7,630	483	129	354	7,984
Biography	7,341	334	164	170	7,511
Natural History	2,061	91	23	68	2,129
Fine Arts	3,313	67	24	43	3,356
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc	1,931	98	47	51	1,982
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	3,653	152	114	38	3,691
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	5,343	508	141	367	5,710
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	6,532	185	98	87	6,619
Fiction	20,135	939	176	763	20,898
Foreign Languages	9,596	11	25	−14	9,582
Bound Periodicals	7,557	204	290	−86	7,471
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	4,723	295	559	−264	4,459
Total	100,672	4,635	2,334	2,301	102,973

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			100,672
Additions by purchase		2,260	
" " donations		2,027	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets		255	
" " exchanges with other libraries		93	
		4,635	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	58		
" " sold	2,176		
" " exchanged	100		
		2,334	
			2,301
Total			102,973
Books bought during the year		2,260	
Additions by binding		255	
Total		2,515	vols.
Books purchased, amount in cash, to			$2,799 79
" bound, amount in cash, to			766 66
Making total expended for books			$3,566 45

Average cost per volume of new books, $1.23.4.
Total number volumes (new and old), bound during the year, 1,697.
Number of books repaired in Library during year, 1,244. Number of books covered (with paper covers) and lettered, 17,494.

Some of the more important works added during the year are:

Farmer's Americanisms.
Justin Winsor's History of America, 8 vols.
Stevenson's Dictionary of Roman Coins.
Historic Families of Scotland, 2 vols.
Cleveland's Battle Abbey Roll, 3 vols.
The Century Dictionary, vols. 1 and 2.
Michaux and Nutall's N. American Sylva, 5 vols.
Duruy's History of Greece, vols. 1 and 2.
Watts' Dictionary of Chemistry, *new ed.*, vol. 2.
Brewer and Ridgway's N. American Land Birds, colored plates, 3 vols.
Gardiner's History of the Civil War, vols. 1 and 2.

DONATIONS

have been received from 354 patrons of the Library, of 2,027 volumes, 1,118 pamphlets, and 2,304 numbers of magazines and publications of societies. From the Public Departments at Washington, 229 volumes of public documents and official reports have been donated. Some especially noteworthy gifts were sent by

Mr. Benjamin Vaughan Abbott, 56 volumes.
" E. M. Berard, 46 volumes.
" S. B. Chittenden, 1,030 volumes.
" C. P. Dewey, 22 volumes.
" A. W. Nicholson, 37 volumes.
" Isaac S. Smith, 129 volumes.
" Alfred T. White, 12 volumes.
" William A. White, 17 volumes.
" John W. Wood, 8 volumes.
Hon. Alfred C. Chapin, Mayor, 89 volumes.
" F. Cook, Secretary, State of N. Y., 30 volumes.
From Dr. Chas. H. Shepard, Studer's Birds of N. A. 4° Col. plates, full morocco.
From the Brooklyn daily newspapers, bound volumes of the *Eagle*, *Standard-Union*, *Times* and *Citizen*.

From the library of the Packer Institute, 95 volumes. As an instance of how the Library may co-operate with educational institutions, it may be mentioned that the Packer Institute has about forty memberships to the Library, which are in daily use while the school is in session, and are especially utilized for purposes of study in the Reference Department.

DUPLICATES.

The number of volumes of duplicate books on hand at date of last report was	2,201
Additions during the year	2,177
	4,378
Deduct number of volumes sold and exchanged	2,145
Total volumes now on hand, for sale, or exchange	2,233

Of which about 1,000 volumes are Government documents.

A large number of duplicates were sent, last Fall, to the auction room, the more desirable works from the stock having been sold or exchanged with other libraries for other works from their lists of duplicates. This clearance left some much needed shelf-room for other purposes.

LIST OF DONORS, 1889–90.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Abbott (B. V.)	56		19
Adams (H. B.)			12
——— (H. C.)	2		
——— (H. S.)			6
Allegheny (Pa.) Common Council	1		
Allen (E. G.)		15	
American Antiquarian Society		1	
——— Colonization Society		3	
——— Congregational Society		1	
——— Institute of Architects		2	2
——— Institute of Electrical Engineers		1	
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
——— Library Association			1
——— Philological Association		1	
——— Pomological Society		3	
Ames (S.)	1		
Amherst College		2	
Andover Theological Seminary		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Appleton (D. & Co.)			1
Astor Library		1	
Auburn Theological Seminary		1	
Baker (C. B.)		1	
Baldwin (*Messrs.*)		3	
Ballou (M. M.)	2		
Baltimore New Mercantile Library Association		2	
Bangor (Me.) Public Library		2	
Baptist Church Extension Society		1	
Barr Association of N. Y. and Brooklyn	1		
Battell (R.)			1
Bell (Geo.) *and Sons*	1		
Beloit College		1	
Bennett (*Mrs.* E. T.)		1	
Bérard (E. M.)	46		
Birmingham (Eng.) Free Libraries Committee		1	
Bodleian Library, Oxford		2	1
Boston Athenæum		1	
——— City Messenger's Office	1		
——— College		1	
——— Public Library	1	3	1
Bostwick (*Miss* F.)	4		
Bowdoin College		3	
Bowker (R. R.)	40	4	5
Bradlee (*Rev.* C. D.)		1	
Branner (J. C.) Little Rock, *State Geologist*		4	
Brewer (W. A.)	1		
Bridgeport Public Library		1	
Brook (E. P.)	5		
Brookline Public Library	1		
Brooklyn (City of) *Association for Improving Condition of the Poor*		1	
——— *Board of Education*		3	
——— *Board of Elections*	2		
——— *Brooklyn Institute*		3	
——— *Church Charity Foundation*		3	
——— *Citizen*	9		
——— *Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute*		1	
——— *Comptroller's Office*	6		
——— *Daily Eagle*	1	3	
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Long Island Historical Society*		1	
——— *Packer Collegiate Institute*		1	1
——— *Preparatory School*		1	
——— *St. Catherine's Hospital*		1	
——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		1	
——— *Standard Union*	4		

	Vols.	Pam phl.	Nos
Brooklyn (City of) *Women's Homœopathic Hospital*		2	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	2
——— *Young Women's Christian Association*		1	
Brower (J. W.)		1	
Brown (J. S.)		2	
Browning Society London		13	10
Butler, *Bros*	1		
Butler (*Dr.* W. G.)	2		
Butler (*Rev. Dr.* J. G.)	2		
Canada (Dominion of) *Department of Agriculture*		12	
——— *Department of Immigration*		2	1
Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y		1	
Carr (J. H.)		1	
Carr (J. N.)		5	
Case (C. N.)			3
Cathedral School, Garden City, L. I		1	
Chalmers (P.)		3	
Chapin (A. C.)	117	37	8
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway		11	71
Chicago *Department of Public Works*		1	
——— *Public Library*		5	9
Chittenden (S. B.)	1,030	27	
Cincinnati Public Library	1	3	5
Clerkenwell (London) Free Public Library		1	
Cleveland Public Library	1	1	
Collett (C. D.)	2	4	12
Cone (*Rev.* O.)		1	
Connecticut Historical Society	1		
Cook (*Hon.* Fred'k.)	30		
Cook (G. H.)		1	1
Cook (T.) *and Son*		1	
Cornell University		2	2
Crawshay (*Mrs.* R. M.)			1
Crichton (J. D.)			1
Crocker (M. H.)		1	
"Current Literature" Office, N. Y. City			1
Dalby (Henry)			1
Davenport (W. D.)		1	
Dawson, *Bros*	1		
Denver Public Library		7	1
Detroit Public Library		1	
Dewey (C. P.)	22	22	26
Dickinson (E. B.)		2	
Dickinson (H. H.)			15
Dolge (Alfred)		1	
Domett (H. W.)	1		
Dongan Club, Albany, N. Y	1		
Eaton (N. A.)		2	1

	Vols.	Phampl.	Nos.
Ely (*Miss* S.)	35		55
"Engineering News" office, N. Y. City	1	1	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		2	
Erie Railway Company		1	1
Ewing (*Gen.* Thos.)		1	
Farrington (W. D.)	1	19	1
Ferris (*Mrs.* M. P.)		1	
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt		2	
Ford (G. A.)	1		
Foster (W. C.)		1	
Freshman, (*Rev.* J.)		1	
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa		1	
Fulton (H.)		1	
Funk & Wagnalls			277
Gay (Geo. W., *M. D.*)		1	
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City		1	
General Theological Library, Boston		1	
General Theological Seminary, N. Y. City		1	
Grand Rapids Public School Library		2	
Grant (Robt.)	1		
Green (Sam'l S.)		1	
Green (Sidney)	11		
Greene (W. L. & Co.)		1	
Gregory (H. E.)		3	
Griffin & Kidner			1
Hagar (G. J.)			19
Hall (*Rev.* C. C.)		1	
Harrison (F.)			1
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		1	3
——— ——— Theological Seminary			3
Harvard Observatory	2	4	3
——— University	1	5	2
Hatfield (A.)	1		
Hatton & Jacobs	2		
Hawkins (F. B.)			3
Hennecke (C.), *and Co*	1		
Hildeburn (C. R.)		1	
Hills (W. H.)			1
Hobart College		2	
Holloway (*Mrs.* L. C.)	1		
Holt Bros.			1
Hooper (*Prof.* F. W.)	1		
Howe (*Dr.* Samuel B.)		7	
Humphrey's Phonographic Institute		1	
Indian Rights Association		24	
Indianapolis Bureau of Statistics	1		
James (B. W., *M. D.*)	1		
John Crerar Estate		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
John Hopkins University		3	9
Johnson (*Miss* E. M.)	1		
Johnson (A. K.)		1	
Journalist Office, New York City	1		
Journeay (Albert)	1		
Julian (G. W.)	1		
Kean (S. A. & Co)	1		
Kenney (F. H.)		1	
Kerlin (*Dr.* I. N)	2		
Lancaster (A. E.)	1		
Lancaster (Mass.) Library		1	
Larremore (Wilbur)	1		
Latto (J. B.)	8		
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Leigh (C. C.)		1	
Lewis (H. K.)			1
Libbie (C. F. *Jr.*)		1	
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Long Island Diocese, Garden City		1	
_____ R. R. Co		4	
Longmans, Green, *and Co*			1
Lowdermilk (W. C.) *and Co*			1
Lowell (Mass) City Library		1	
McClellan (C.)		1	
McKinley (A.) *and Co*			1
Maimonides Library		1	
Malden (Mass.) Public Library	1	1	
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		1	
Manvel (F. C.)			10
Marlborough (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Martin (C. C.)	2		6
Maryland Institute		1	
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		2	
Massachusetts New Church Union		1	
_____ State Library	2		
Maxwell (Robert A.)	1		
Mercantile Adjuster Office, N. Y. City			1
Middlesex Mechanics' Association, Lowell (Mass.)			1
Milwaukee Public Library		1	5
Miscellaneous	13	39	317
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland		1	
"Modern Office," Columbus (O.)			1
Moffat (J. L., *M. D.*)		2	
Morgan (J. L., *Jr*)	4		
Mulerrt (H.)	1		
Nelson (Thos.) *and Sons*	1		
Newark Free Public Library		1	2

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Newberry Library, Chicago		1	
Newburyport (Mass.) Public Library		1	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		1	
New Jersey *Bureau of Labor, Trenton*	2		
——— *Bureau of Statistics, Trenton*	1		
——— *Historical Society, Princeton*			1
——— *State Library, Trenton*	1	1	
New York City *Academy of Sciences*			1
——— *American Association for Adv. of Physical Education*		1	
——— *Apprentices' Library*			1
——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
——— *Cooper Union*		2	
——— *Department of Public Parks*		1	
——— *Evening Post*		1	
——— *Free Circulating Library*		1	
——— *General Society of Mechanics, etc.*		1	
——— *Germania Society*		1	
——— *Mercantile Library Association*		1	1
——— *National Civil Service Reform League*		2	
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Typothetae Society*		2	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		4	
——— State. *Chamber of Commerce*		1	
——— *Forest Commissioners*	1		
——— *R. R. Commissioners*	4		
——— *State Library*	5	2	5
——— *State Reservation at Niagara*		2	
Nicholson (A. W.)	37	2	50
Northwestern University		2	
Ohio Meteorological Bureau		12	
Ohio State Forestry Bureau	3		
Old Dominion S. S. Line		1	
Omaha Board of Trade		1	
Otis (E. P.)			1
Otterson (*Dr.* W. C.)		52	225
"Path" Office, N. Y. City	1		
Paye (W. K.)	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore	1	1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.		1	
Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass		1	3
Peabody (R. C.)		1	
Peck (*Gen.* L. M.)		1	
Pell (G.)	1		
Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery		1	
Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg	13		

	Vol	Pamphl.	Nos.
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library Company*		1	
——— *Library Company*		1	3
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	3
——— *Times*		1	
Phillips Exeter Academy		1	
Phillips (B.)	1		
Phillips (H.)		1	
Portsmouth (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn			1
Prentice (*Miss.*)	1		
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia		1	
Providence, R. I., *Athenæum*		1	
——— ——— *Public Library*		1	
Quaritch (B.)		1	
Quinn (*Hon.* John)		1	
Randolph (Richard)	2	7	
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I		1	
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y		1	
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence		1	
Richmond and Danville R. R. Co		1	
Robbins (E. P.)	2		
Romeike (H.)			37
Royal Society, London, Eng	2	1	7
St. Francis Xavier College, N. Y. City			1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association		2	
St. Louis Public Library		1	
St. Paul Public Library		1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library	1	1	
San Francisco *Common Schools*		1	
——— *Free Public Library*	1	1	
——— *Mercantile Library Association*		1	
——— *Odd Fellows' Library Association*		1	
Sanger (Wm. C.)	7	32	236
Sartwell (*Miss* M. A.)		60	26
Saunders (F.)		1	
Schieren (C. A.)		1	
Schoonmacher (Aug.)	2	2	
Scranton (Pa.) Board of Trade		1	
Shellman (H.)	2		
Shepard (Chas. H., *M. D.*)	1	4	
Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury (Conn.)	1		
Sizer (*Dr.* N. B.)		107	109
Skilton (J. A.)	1	1	18
Slocum (F.)	4		
Smith (B. G.)	1		
Smith (Isaac)	129		
Smith, Gray, *and Co*	1		
Smithsonian Institution	2	4	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Society for Study of Inebriety, London		1	4
Spannhoofd (A. W.)			1
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association		1	
Starr (*Miss* F.)	10		
Stebham (W. N.)	4		
Steel (Chas F.)	1		
Sterling (*Miss* A. W.)			1
Stumph (*Hon.* Herman)		1	
Suyeoka (S.)			1
Swansea (Eng.) Public Library		2	
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	2
Thiry (J. H.)		2	
Thomann (G.)		2	
Thwing (*Dr.* E. P.)	2	193	222
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		1	
Tooker (W. W.)		1	
Transatlantic Publishing Co, Boston			1
Tratman (E. E. R.)	1	3	
Trenton (N. J.) Board of Trade		1	
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn		3	
Tucker (W. G., *M. D.*)		3	
Tuft's College		1	
Turner (*Miss* H. M.)			24
Union, (N. J.) Library Association		1	
United Society of Believers, Canterbury, N. H			1
United States Government	229	37	328
University of California		1	
——— Michigan		2	
——— Rochester		2	
——— Vermont		1	
——— Virginia		1	
Vail (J. H., *and Co*)		1	
Van Praag (A.)			19
Van Sicklen (G. W.)	2		
Voorhees (A. L.)			2
Waddie (John)			1
Ward (L. F.)		1	
Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill.)		1	4
Wayland, (Mass.) Mayor's Office		1	
Wells, Fargo, (*and Co*)		1	
Wesleyan University		1	
White (A. T.)	12	3	
White S. V.)	2		
White (W. A.)	17	28	6
Wilcox (Julius)		1	
Williams (J. F.)		1	
Williams (Wm.)		1	
Winchell (*Prof.* N. H.)	1	2	1

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Winsor (Justin)		1	5
Wintringham (J. C.)	1		
Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison		3	
"Wit and Wisdom" Office			1
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania		1	
Wood (J. W.)	8	34	54
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Yale Publishing Co	1		
Yale University		3	
Total	2,027	1,118	2,304

CIRCULATION.

The following statement shows the book circulation during 1889 as compared with that of 1888.

	1888. Volumes.	1889. Volumes.
First Quarter	31,548	29,346
Second Quarter	26,675	24,695
Third Quarter	19,320	18,392
Fourth Quarter	27,054	26,569
	104,597	99,002

Since the first of May, 1889, the absence of any regular attendant at the Eastern District Branch, and the limited conveniences of the narrower quarters in which this station is now located, have undoubtedly diminished the number of books circulated in this part of the city. The largest number of books given out in one day was 737 on February 23; the smallest 62, on November 5 (Election Day). Average number of books drawn by each member, 32½.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

continues to be a popular place of resort for students and readers, it being difficult, at times, to accommodate all who wish to use it. The use of the

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

increases, although not much has been recently done towards developing the collection, owing to pressure of other work During the year 13 volumes have been

added; viz., 5 in Individual and 2 in Collective Biography, 4 in Local History (Brooklyn), and 2 volumes on New York. The collection now comprises 46 volumes.

READING ROOM.

The Sunday afternoon attendance aggregated 3,590 for 44 Sundays, the room not being opened on Sundays in July and August. Largest attendance on any Sunday was 114 on May 26th; smallest, 41, on September 1st. Average number of Sunday readers, 82. On week days there has been such a general disposition on the part of the non-subscribing public to make use of the room that it has been found judicious to station an attendant at the entrance in order to protect the rights and privileges of members by excluding those not belonging to the Library. The result of this experiment seems to be satisfactory, at least to subscribers, as many expressions of approval have testified.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from membership during the year have been $10,704.89. The number of members on March 1, was as follows:

Annual Members (who have paid to March 1, 1890)	1,789
Extra Annual Subscriptions, $3 (paid to March 1, 1890)	339
Life Members, by payment of $100	539
Life Members, (original Athenæum subscription)	39
Permanent Members, by payment of $500	286
Total Membership on March 1, 1890	2,992
Total Membership on March 1, 1889	3,156
Showing a decrease of	164

Since the last report the following deaths of *Life* and *Permanent Members* have occurred: *Life Members:* Edward B. Mead, Henry M. Evans, Charles A. Robbins, Garret Bergen, J. Otis Averill, H. R. Pierson, W. S. Richardson. *Permenent Members:* E. B. Litchfield, Arthur W. Benson, Edmund W. Corlies.

Mr. Corlies, at the time of his death, was a Director of the Library, and had long been prominent and exceedingly useful in the management. In this place it is

proper to record the following minute adopted by the joint Boards of Directors and Trustees.

At a joint meeting of the Trustees and Directors of the Brooklyn Library, convened on the morning of Saturday, February 8, 1890, in respect for their late associate, Mr. Edmund W. Corlies, deceased February 6, 1890, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Resolved, That the Trustees and Directors of the BROOKLYN LIBRARY are called upon to record, in the death of

Edmund Williams Corlies,

the loss of an associate endeared to all of them by the strongest personal ties, and by years of common service in the creation and administration of this Institution.

Through this long period of active life, nearly approaching the quarter of a century, the practical wisdom, which was so conspicuously his, the encouraging confidence and the willing generosity, alike natural to him, have never failed us. His part in the work of this Library, to which his sympathies cordially and constantly responded, has been a large one and cannot soon be forgotten. His name will be remembered and cherished with those of other true and upright men of his time, good citizens, strong in friendship, benevolent in purpose and faithful in all trusts, to whom this Institution and the community of Brooklyn owe so large a debt of gratitude.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing minute be conveyed to the family of Mr. Corlies for the expression of our profound sympathy in the great bereavement they have been called to sustain.

Two new certificates of *Life Membership* have been issued in place of one *Permanent* certificate surrendered.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH.

was removed on May 1st to its present quarters at No. 397 Bedford avenue. In the absence of a regular attendant no statistics have been kept of the number of books given out or of the number of visitors. Probably 4,000 to 5,000 volumes have been issued, besides 1,648 volumes delivered at this station from the main library in Montague street.

The expenses of this Branch are embodied in the Treasurer's report, but separately the annual cost of its maintenance under the present arrangement may be stated as follows:

Rent of Room	$200.00
Attendance	144.00
Magazines	103.03
Newspapers	159.74
Sundries, Cleaning, etc.	11.75
Total	$618.52

There has also been an expense for removing books, etc., from the former station to the present at No. 397 Bedford avenue, and to Montague street, of $49.77.

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered at eight branch stations, including the Bay Ridge station, was 6,207. The delivery at Bay Ridge has been, for the present, discontinued, owing to the small number of subscribers in this section.

CLASSES.

Instruction has been given in Phonography by Prof. T. J. Ellinwood: in French by Prof. L. T. Simonin; in German by Prof. F. Wilnowsky; and in Spanish by Prof. R. D. Cortina.

Net income $569.96, an increase of $28 over 1888.

From Phonography Classes	$342.96
" French "	96.00
" German "	75.00
" Spanish "	46.00
" Italian "	10.00
Total	$569.96

The formation of a class in the Italian language was attempted by Prof. C. L. Speranza, but the project was abandoned owing to lack of patronage.

BULLETIN AND CARD CATALOGUE.

The usual bulletin of about 2,000 titles selected from the 4,635 volumes received from various sources during the year, was published in December and was widely circulated throughout the city. All the works of fiction added are contained in this bulletin, and a selected list from other classes. All books added are entered in the card catalogue from week to week, under author, subject and title.

WEEKLY LISTS OF ADDITIONS

are displayed in various parts of the Library, and published in the Brooklyn newspapers, to whom we owe much for their unvarying kindness, and the helpful spirit always manifested by them towards the Library and its interests.

LECTURES.

An item pleasant to mention in the year's record is the course of lectures and readings by authors given last Autumn, under the direction of the Library, in the Academy of Music. Mr. Charles Dudley Warner's subject was "The Relation of Fiction to Life." Miss Amelia B. Edwards, LL.D., Secretary of the Egyptian Exploration Society, gave two illustrated lectures on the Antiquities of Egypt, which were enthusiastically received; and selections from their own works were read by Rev. Edward Eggleston, Robert Grant, E. L. Bynner, William Hamilton Gibson, F. Hopkinson Smith and Theodore Roosevelt, for the benefit of the International Copyright League. The lectures were a marked success, although the low price of admission asked precluded much profit. The reception to Miss Edwards, held in the Library on November 12th, at the close of her second lecture, with its accompaniments of music and flowers, was a very pleasant occasion, and gave many people an opportunity of meeting the distinguished writer and lecturer.

LIGHTS, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The expense of lighting the building during the year has been $1,182.44 against $1,416.20 for 1888, showing a decrease of $233.76, a favorable statement considering the almost incredible quantity of rain and dark weather consequent thereon, experienced. The electric light was introduced in the reading room and used for several months, but the current was uneven, and the light not very satisfactory. A contract for wiring the entire building has now been made with the Edison Company, and it is expected that a marked improvement in the quantity and quality of light will shortly be effected.

New shelving sufficient to accommodate 12,000 volumes was put up in the Library Hall last summer, which has given room for the expansion of several crowded classes of books. Most of this space has been utilized by shifting some of the smaller classes and extending the larger, leaving also some space for growth. New shelving has also been constructed in the upper gallery in a space seventy-five feet in length by ten feet in width, capable of holding about 30,000 volumes, if filled with books of average size. This shelving is, however, intended for the folded files of New York and Brooklyn newspapers, for which there will now be ample room, with space for many years of growth. This gallery has been lighted by means of seven ventilating sky-lights let into the roof, which supply plenty of light and air. The total expense of these permanent improvements was over $800, which has been paid out of current income.

ESPECIAL WORK DONE.

In addition to the usual routine work of the Library the following items have been accomplished during the year.

1. The collection of newspapers accumulated in the upper rooms has been transferred to new shelving in the upper front gallery, and re-arranged in alphabetical and chronological order.

2. Special lists have been made of the non-official pub-

lications of the U. S. Government, the debates of Congress, *Congressional Globe and Record*, and other reports.

3. An inventory of the documents of the various States, alphabetically arranged, has been made and bound up for reference. The volumes are shelved in the upper rooms in place of the newspapers transferred.

4. In the Scrap Department entries in the class of Individual Biography have been inserted up to date, and special volumes added on Beecher, Grant, Washington and Webster; also four volumes of the History of Brooklyn and two introductory to the History of New York.

5. The collection of periodicals and numbers of magazines kept in the upper rooms has been re-arranged and shelved, and an inventory of them is being prepared. This work will be continued during the summer.

6. A complete list, on slips, has been made of all maps in the Library. Maps not contained in books are shelved separately at the end of the pamphlet collection in the gallery. Those contained in volumes, such as publications of geographical societies, etc., are indicated by cross-references in the slip-catalogue.

FINANCES.

The statements of the Treasurers of the Trustees and Directors furnish all the details of income and payments during the year. A comparison of receipts and expenses gives the following result:

Actual receipts for the year	$19,916.03
Actual expenses for the year	19,772.38
Showing a balance on right side of account of	$143.65

THE LIBRARY STAFF

now consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Librarian, Mr. W. A. Bardwell; First Assistant, Mr. James D. Crichton; other assistants, Mr. J. B. Latto and Misses E. G. Van Ingen, F. S. Bostwick, S. A. Beatty, L. F. Tweedy, E. M. Johnson, A. H. Greene and I. Hurley.

COPYRIGHT REFORM.

The progress toward International Copyright, which, when realized, will greatly benefit the Library, has been quite marked during the present session of Congress, and strong hopes are entertained of its early enactment. It is a matter of pride to the management that one of our own Directors, Mr. R. R. Bowker, has been one of the most persistent and successful public advocates of this reform. The evening of Authors' Readings, under the auspices of the Library, elsewhere referred to, was proposed and arranged by Mr. Bowker for the benefit of copyright reform, and resulted in a contribution of $400 to their treasury. The authors, the publishers and all the manufacturing interests which contribute to the production of books, now heartily favor International Copyright. This Library has long been in line upon the subject, as the reports of several successive years indicate; and now the Secretary of the American Copyright League has been polling the leading libraries of the country, addressing some three hundred in all, of whom two hundred have replied, endorsing the proposed law, and not one single unfavorable response has been received.

To recapitulate, then, the work of the year, there has been a net addition to our shelves of 2,301 volumes; there has been expended on additional shelving and alterations of the Library Building which are of the nature of permanent improvements, about $1,000; while the debt of the Library remains unchanged, at $11,000. The cash balance on hand shows a small increase, and the permanent funds in the hands of the Trustees have been increased by $5,000, the bequest of the late Hon. Simeon B. Chittenden, to whose intelligent benefactions the Library was already so greatly indebted. It has been thought expedient by the Trustees, and heartily concurred in by the Directors, to invest this bequest in building an extension, one story and basement in height, to our office building, No. 193 Montague street, on the west side of the Library Building. This extension will

not be high enough to interfere with the light in our Reading Room. It is hoped that the rental of this extension, when completed, may add about $1,000 to the annual income of the Library.

The outlook for the future is, that during the ensuing year other outlays for permanent improvements will prevent any increase in the appropriation for book purchases. The wiring of the whole Library Building for the electric light, now being done by the Edison Company, will cost about $800. The alterations now being made in the large room on the first story front will also cost about $800, and the wooden columns in the Reading Room, which are showing signs of deterioration, under the increasing weight of books which they carry, must probably soon be replaced with iron columns. Altogether there is likely to be an unusual expenditure for permanent improvements, this year, of $3,000.

For 1891, however, the prospect is brighter, and we shall doubtless then be able to double our purchases of books, and bring them up nearer the proper standard for a city like ours. It is to be regretted, however, that this increase in our resources comes from an accidental improvement in rental values of the property owned by the Library on Montague street, and not from an increase in the receipts for membership, and that the people of Brooklyn are so unappreciative of the opportunities we offer them for educational improvement. While in the last twenty years the population of Brooklyn has doubled, and the number and value of books on our shelves, as well as our Catalogue and other facilities, have more than doubled, yet our membership remains stationary. It is pleasant to note, however, that in one department of the Library work there is a great increase, and that the use of books *in* the Library for study and reference is steadily and rapidly growing. It is believed that in average facilities for Library work the Brooklyn Library is fully equal to any in the country outside of Massachusetts.

To bring our opportunities for usefulness within the reach of the greater number, our next step forward

ought to be a *reduction in the charge of membership* from $5 to $3. This, it is calculated, would nearly double the number of our annual members, but it would require the interest on *a Fund of at least* $100,000 to defray the necessary increase in our running expenses, and to buy the additional number of copies of books that would be required. To a city of the wealth and size of Brooklyn this ought not to seem a very large amount. In comparison with some calls made upon it it is certainly a very moderate one. We can guarantee the extreme usefulness of such an investment. Is it not better, in laying out what may be called the constructive work for the charities of the future, to build, so far as possible, on the foundations already laid in the past? A large unnecessary expense for duplication of plant is thus avoided, and the money begins to return a dividend of usefulness at once. When the reduction to an annual charge of $3 has been made, and its wisdom and usefulness have been demonstrated, additional benefactions may perhaps enable the Library to reduce the cost of membership further. Thus will this Institution move steadily forward with even and sure step, and grow in usefulness as it increases in size. Thus will it be an ever widening power for good in our community, and those who may contribute to its building up will have the satisfaction of knowing that the good they are doing will live after them.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. BARNES,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. JAMES L. MORGAN, JR., *Treasurer,* *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1889			$205 20	By Books	$3,150 33	
Initiation fees	$562 00			Less amount from Books sold	350 54	
Dues	10,142 89					2,799 79
		10,704 89		Binding		766 66
Trustees' Current Income of the				Periodicals	1,451 15	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00			Less amount from Periodicals sold	11 12	
Alex. M. White Fund	1,500 00					1,440 03
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00			Salaries		8,738 20
Loftis Wood Bequest	500 00			Light	1,182 44	
General Fund	4,957 81			Fuel	407 47	
		7,857 81		Building and Fixtures	1,020 46	
Trustees of Cary Fund		205 63		Janitor and Care of Building	1,314 50	
Total Receipts from Lectures	2,617 75					3,924 87
Less Total Expenditures	2,451 04			Bulletins and Catalogues		337 20
Net Profit on 4 Lectures		166 71		Stationery and Printing		506 77
Classes in Phonography	342 96			Advertising		39 60
Classes in French	96 00			Delivery to Branches		180 00
Classes in German	75 00			Interest		478 73
Classes in Spanish	46 00			Sundries—Mainly on account of the Eastern District Branch		560 53
Classes in Italian	10 00					
		569 96				$19,772 38
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		136 22		Balance, March 1, 1890		348 85
Sundries—Donations, Rent, etc		274 81				
		$20,121 23				$20,121 23

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 28, 1890.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 28, 1889			$4,010 86
	Bequest from Estate of Simeon B. Chittenden			5,000 00
	Interest on Mortgage			300 00
	" " R. R. Bonds			630 00
	" " Trust Co. Balances			93 79
	Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street			3,080 04
	" " " " 201 Montague Street			3,790 00
	" " " Library Building			928 44
				$17,833 13
Dr.	Expense Account No. 193 Montague Street		$221 64	
	" " No. 201 Montague Street		211 96	
	" " Library Building		123 86	
	Payments to Board of Directors, viz:			
	Income of White Fund	$1,500 00		
	" " Martin Fund	600 00		
	" " Wood Fund	500 00		
	" " Cary Bequest	300 00		
	" " General Fund	4,957 81		
			7,857 81	
				8,415 27
	Balance February 28, 1890			$9,417 86

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected			$3,080 04
Less Gas	$7 04		
Repairs	113 60		
Commission	77 00		
Water Rates	24 00		
Insurance Account	16 00		
			237 64
Balance Net Income			$2,842 40

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Income from Rentals		$3,790 00
Less Gas	$2 72	
Repairs	90 49	
Commission	94 75	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance Account	16 00	
		227 96
Balance Net Income		$3,562 04

LIBRARY BUILDING.

Gross Rentals Collected		$928 44
Less Repairs	$81 16	
Commission	70	
Water Rates	42 00	
Insurance Account	96 00	
		219 86
Balance Net Income		$708 58

In accordance with the expressed wishes of the Board of Directors, and in furtherance of what they deem to be the best interest of the Library, the Trustees have in contemplation certain alterations and enlargements in the premises No. 193 Montague street, by which a largely increased rental is already assured. The cost of these improvements will be defrayed from the considerable unexpended balance of the General Fund. There will probably be no vacant offices during the coming year.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street		$2,842 40
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		3,562 04
	" " " Library Building		708 58
	" " " Railroad Bonds		468 00
	Interest on Mortgage		300 00
	" " Balances		93 79
			$7,974 81

Dr.	Insurance Account, being premium charged upon Books, Furniture, etc	$117 00	
	Payments to J. L. Morgan, Jr., Treas., viz:		
	For Income of Special Fund	$2,900 00	
	" " General Fund	4,957 81	
		7,857 81	
			$7,974 81

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS

Cash	$9,417 86	
Fire Insurance Premium Account	245 00	
Investment Account	600 00	
Mortgage, Hanson Place	6,000 00	
Grand St., Prospect Park and Flatbush R. R. Bonds.	9,081 00	
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague Street	37,000 00	
Real Estate, No. 201 Montague Street	32,814 76	
Real Estate Library Building	151,863 45	
Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		35,617 60
Endowment Fund Subscription, balance		2,743 86
Alexander M. White Fund		25,000 00
John T. Martin Fund		10,000 00
Maria Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loftis Wood Fund		10,000 00
	$258,109 96	$258,109 96

It will be observed that the General Fund has been increased $5,000 since the last report. This increase represents the amount of the bequest of Mr. Chittenden, which being a gift without conditions was so disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Constitution of the Library.

The insurance upon Library property remains unchanged, amounting to $217,500, distributed as follows:

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	90,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1890.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1890.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Library, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Article IV. of the By-Laws, respectfully reports as follows:

The office buildings owned by the Library have been kept in usual condition. In the second story of No. 201 Montague street a new radiator (for steam heat) was put in by Baker, Smith & Co. at contract price of $55.

In the middle basement room of Library Building, and also in the east basement room of same, the radiators were changed from near ceiling to near floor by contract with Baker, Smith & Co. for $81.16, thus making these rooms much more comfortable.

The statement of the Treasurer shows that the income from rents has increased somewhat during the past year, and a further considerable increase is expected after May 1st, when the room occupied during part of last year by the Incandescent Electric Light Co., which became insolvent, will be taken by the Royal Insurance Company, under a three years' lease. The alterations necessary to adapt the room for their use will cost about $800, and include cutting down the west window, and building a separate entrance to the room through the door thus made.

An advance in rental from 1st of May has also been obtained on the basement of No. 193 Montague street of

$100, and on the first story of the same building of $600, the latter being in part for the use of part of an extension now under construction, one story and basement in height, about eighteen feet wide, and running nearly to end of lot. The cost of building this extension and putting in new window in front on first story, will be about $5,000.

It will be necessary before long to replace the wooden columns in the Reading Room on the first floor, and perhaps also on the second floor of the Library Building, with *iron* columns, as the wooden columns are splitting seriously under the steadily increasing load of books, and have been declared by the architect, Mr. William B. Tubby, to be scarcely safe. The roof of the Library Building will also require renewing within a year or two.

Otherwise the Library Building is in good condition.

The investment of the Trust Funds is without change during the year. At the suggestion of the son of the late Hon. S. B. Chittenden, it is proposed to invest the bequest from his father of $5,000 in the extension and alterations of the Office Building, No. 193 Montague street.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Executive Committee,

WM. AUGUSTUS WHITE.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

BROOKLYN, FEBRUARY 28, 1890.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Cary Fund I beg to report for the information of the Board that the mortgage of $5,000 in which the principal of the Fund has been for some years invested, was recently paid, and that the principal itself remains at the present time, pending suitable reinvestment, on deposit in the Brooklyn Trust Company.

The income received during the current year, being interest on the mortgage, was $229.17 which, added to the balance previously unexpended, gave a total of $244.17 available for the purchase of books; of this sum an appropriation has been made of $205.63 for 81 volumes, carefully selected from Library purchases during the year, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Library, and there remains unexpended the sum of $38.54. The books in question it is understood have been duly marked and designated as gifts to the Library from the Cary Fund.

A vacancy in the Trustees occasioned by the death of Mr. Edmund W. Corlies has not been filled as yet.

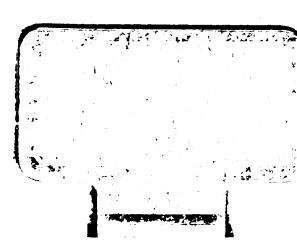
Very respectfully,

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Trustee.



FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to "THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRAR Y

PRESENTED MARCH 26, 1891.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

You will be interested in a careful reading of the tabular statements and the detailed information furnished for this report by our Librarian, Mr. Willis A. Bardwell. They show that the year closing March 1, 1891, though marked by interruption to the regular work of the Library, has been a year of significant progress.

The building in which our large and choice collection of books is stored was needing extensive repairs. During many weeks of the year, workmen disturbed the quiet of our rooms and brought confusion to our usually well-ordered arrangements for the convenience of readers. Moreover, the extensive building operations on lots adjoining the Library, the unavoidable blocking of the street and the condition of the sidewalk were a hindrance to those who use our books. The Directors were solicitous lest these annoyances might temporarily decrease the membership and impair the usefulness of the Library. The records, however, show that the number of subscribers has been well sustained; that the circulation of books has not been diminished, and that the Reference Department of the Library has been used by a steadily increasing number of readers.

The President's last report announced that an unusual expenditure for permanent improvements must be made within a year. These improvements have been completed. The roof of our building has been renewed, the electric lighting has been extended and improved, iron columns have replaced the insecure wooden columns in our Reading Room, and extensive general repairs have been made. It had been assumed that appropriations for the purchase of books must be seriously reduced during the year in which the unusual expenses were to be incurred; but such appropriations have not been reduced. The number of books purchased, and the moneys expended for the increase of the Library, during the year 1890–91, are slightly in excess of corresponding figures for the previous year. Funds were provided for meeting extraordinary expenses by our increased revenue from the rentals of real estate owned by the Library. Our leases in force on the first of March, 1891, were yielding an excess of three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars over the rentals of the same property for the preceding year. There will be yet further increase of income after the first of May.

Now that our plant is in excellent order, and our income is augmented, the Directors of the Library are planning to make important additions to our collection of books.

The following pages have been compiled by Mr. Bardwell from his records.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes added by purchase during the past year was 2,708. A large proportion of the best American and English books of the year have been bought, and duplicates of those most popular have been supplied according to the demand. The following table shows the additions of books since the last report:

CLASSES.	Total Volumes on hand March 1, 1890	Additions, 1890–91.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1890–91.	Net additions, 1890–91.	Total volumes on hand March 1, 1891.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	15,172	741	27	714	15,886
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	6,409	146	7	139	6,548
Science and Industrial Arts	7,984	317	13	304	8,288
Biography	7,511	232	13	219	7,730
Natural History	2,129	70	3	67	2,196
Fine Arts	3,356	526	1	525	3,881
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc.	1,982	62		62	2,044
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	3,691	164	5	159	3,850
Political, Social and Economic Sciences	5,710	165	8	157	5,867
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc.	6,619	165	4	161	6,780
Fiction	20,898	910	178	732	21,630
Foreign Languages	9,582	24		24	9,606
Bound Periodicals	7,471	242	3	239	7,710
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	4,459	192	9	183	4,642
Total	102,972	3,956	271	3,685	106,658

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			102,973
Additions by purchase		2,708	
" " donations		981	
" " binding periodicals or pamphlets		222	
" " exchanges with other libraries		45	
		3,956	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	177		
" " sold	24		
" " exchanged	70		
		271	
			3,685
Total			106,658
Books bought during the year		2,708	
Additions by binding		222	
Total		2,930	vols.

Books purchased, amount in cash to	$3,035 34
Music books purchased, amount in cash to	244 45
Total	$3,279 79
Books bound, amount in cash to	695 83
Making total expended for books	$3,975 62

Average cost per volume of books purchased, $1.21.3.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 1,640.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 555.
Number of books repaired in Library during year, 1,005.
Number of books covered and lettered during year, 21,428.

Among the more important works added during the past year are:—

Brown—Genesis of the United States. 2 vols.
Cullum—Biographical Register of West Point, 3 vols.
Duncan—Cassell's Natural History, 6 vols.
Edwards—Butterflies of North America, series 1 and 2.
Gibb and Skelton—Royal House of Stuart.
Johnson—New Encyclopædia.
McCook—American Spiders, vol. 2.
Mair—Picturesque California, 10 sections.
Nicolay and Hay—Life of Abraham Lincoln, 10 vols.
Perrot and Chipier—Art in Sardinia, 2 vols.
Sargent—Sylvia of North America, vol. 1.
Smith—Greek and Roman Antiquities, vol. 1.
Thomson—The Barbizon School of Painters.
Tryon—Conchology, vols. 5 and 11.

DONATIONS.

Within the past year three hundred and eighty-six donors have given to the Library 981 volumes, 952 pamphlets and 10,871 numbers of papers, magazines, and publications of societies. The latter item includes a gift from Mr. A. G. Dulman, of 7,336 numbers of the *New York Times*. From the Public Departments at Washington 155 volumes of public documents and official reports have been received. Among especially noteworthy gifts are the following;

Mr. E. M. Berard, 52 volumes.
" J. Stanford Brown, 16 volumes.
" S. B. Chittenden, 26 volumes.
" C. P. Dewey, 10 volumes.
" L. E. Jones, 53 volumes.

Miss A. Meynen, 10 volumes.
Dr. W. C. Otterson, 11 volumes.
Mr. Wm. Carey Sanger, 41 volumes.
Prof. L. J. Simonin, 45 volumes.
Mr. E. H. Walker, 145 volumes.
" Wm. A. White, 17 volumes.
" J. W. Wood, 8 volumes.
Hon. Frank Rice, Secretary of State of N. Y., 43 volumes.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers bound volumes of the *Citizen, Daily Eagle, Standard-Union* and *Daily Times.* From the Rev. J. G. Butler, the Bible work O. T., vol. 3, and other volumes. From Mr. H. H. Wall, 9 valuable volumes of Society publications. From the Pennsylvania State Library, at Harrisburgh, 30 volumes. From the Library of the Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, 96 volumes.

DUPLICATES.

Number of volumes on hand one year ago	2,233
Net additions during the past year	102
Total volumes now on hand, for sale or exchange	2,335

LIST OF DONORS, 1890–'91.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Actors' Fund of America		1	
Adams (H. C.)	1		
——— (H. S.)	2	28	
Albany Medical College Alumni Association		2	
Allen (E. G.)		3	5
——— (*Rev.* J. C.)		1	
American Academy of the Dramatic Arts		1	
——— Academy of Political and Social Science		2	
——— Bankers' Association		2	
——— Bar Association		1	
——— Colonization Society		2	
——— Congregational Association		1	
——— Economic Association		1	
——— Folk Lore Society		1	1
——— Institute of Electrical Engineers			1
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
——— Library Association		1	
——— Ornithologists' Union		1	
——— Philological Association		1	
Amherst College		2	
Andover Theological Seminary		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Astor Library		1	
Ballou (M. M.)	1		
Bardwell (W. A.)		1	
Barnegat Park Company	1		
Barrows (*Mrs.* J. C.)	1		
Batchellor (A. P.)		1	
Belding Bros. (*and Co*)	1		
Beloit College		1	
Bennett (*Mrs.* E. T.)		1	
Bérard (E. M.)	52		12
Berger (F.)		1	
Birmingham (Eng.) Free Libraries Committee		2	
Boston Athenæum		1	
——— Book Company			2
——— Budget			2
——— City Messenger's office	1		
——— Citizen's Association		2	
——— College		1	
——— Public Library		1	4
——— Record Commission	1		
Boston and Maine Railroad	1		
Bowdoin College		3	
Branner (J. C.), Little Rock, Ark., *State Geologist*		3	
"British Bookmaker" Office			1
Brackett (*Dr.* L. P.)	4	13	
Brookline Public Library		1	
Brooklyn (City of) *Adelphi Academy*		2	
——— *All Souls' Church*		1	
——— *Association for Improving Condition of the Poor*		1	
——— ——— *Board of Education*		1	
——— ——— *Board of Elections*	1		
——— ——— *Brooklyn Institute*	1	6	11
——— ——— *Brooklyn Teachers Association*		1	
——— ——— *Chat*			1
——— ——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		1	
——— ——— *Citizen*	2		
——— ——— *Comptroller's Office*	1		
——— ——— *Daily Eagle*	3		
——— ——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— ——— *Department of Arrears and Taxes*		1	
——— ——— *Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church*	1		
——— ——— *Law Library*		1	
——— ——— *Long Island College Hospital*		1	
——— ——— *Long Island Historical Society*		24	9
——— ——— *Newsdealer and Stationer*			3
——— ——— *Packer Collegiate Institute*	96		
——— ——— *Polytechnic Institute*		5	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Brooklyn (City of) *Pratt Institute*		4	1
——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*			1
——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		1	2
——— *Standard Union*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	1
——— *Young Women's Christian Association*		1	
Brooks (Dr. J. W.)		2	
Brown (J. S.)	16	21	1054
Brown (Jos. M.)	1	1	
Brown (Mrs. I. P.)			6
Buffalo Library		1	
Bühler (H.)		1	3
Burnham (L. S.)	3		
Butler (*Rev. Dr.* J. G.)	6		
California State Library	1		
Canavello (J. B.)	14		
Carson (J. C.)		22	
Central Pacific R. R. Co		1	
Chalmers (P.)		2	
Chicago Public Library		1	
———Washington Centennial Souvenir	1		
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway		1	
Chittenden (S. B.)	25	24	
Cincinnati Public Library		1	3
——— Young Men's Mercantile Library Association		1	
Clerkenwell (London) Public Library		1	
Cobden Club, London		1	
Collet (C. D.)		1	4
Colombo Museum, Ceylon		1	1
Conant (*Dr.* S. F.)			2
Congregationalist Office		1	
Cook (*Dr.* C. D.)	3	2	5
Cook (T.) *and Son*			1
Cornell University		3	3
Costa Rica Legation	1	2	
Crichton (J. D.)	1		
"Current Literature" Office, N. Y. City			1
Darling (C. W.)		1	
Dartmouth College			1
Davenport (C. B.)			1
Dayton Board of Education		1	
——— Public Library		1	
Dement (I. S.)			1
Denison (Tex.) Board of Trade		1	
Denison (G. A.)	1		
Denver Board of Education		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Denver Free Public Library		2	3
Deutsche Gesallschaft, N. Y. City		1	
De Villeroy (A. L.)		1	1
Dewey (C. P.)	13	10	7
Dewey (M.)	11		
Dickinson (H.)			2
Dickinson (R. H.)			2
Dodd, Mead (*and Co.*,)			2
"Dominion Illustrated" Office, Montreal, Canada		6	1
Dornan (W. J.)		1	
Dorsey (*Hon.* G. W. A.)		5	
Doughty (F. W.)	1		
Dulman (A. J.)			7,336
Duluth Board of Public Works		1	
Eidlitz (L.)		1	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		2	
Erie Railway Company		1	
Faucon (L.)		1	1
Filmer (J.)			1
Foote (A. E., *M. D.*,)		1	1
Foote (A. R.)		2	
Ford (G. L.)	1		
Francisco (M. J.)		1	
Franklin Institute		2	
Freshman (*Rev.* J.)		2	
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa		1	
Frothingham (R. I.)		1	
Fulton (H.)	1		
Gaulon (C.)			1
General Theological Seminary, N. Y. City		1	
Graham (A. J.)			1
Grand Rapids Board of Trade	1		
——— Public School Library		1	
Greene (T. L.)	1		
Griffis (*Rev.* W. E.)	1		
Griffith, Axtell & Cady	1		
Griswold (W. M.)		1	2
Gun (R.)		3	1
Hagar (G. J.)			23
Hamblet (J. H.)			70
Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library		1	1
Hampton Normal and Agric. Institute		2	
Harris (Wm.)			11
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		1	5
——— Theological Seminary			4
Harvard Observatory		1	1
——— University	3	8	2
Haverford College		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Hegeler (E. C.)		1	
Hermann (Hon. B.)	2	4	3
History Pub. Co., San Francisco, Cal.		1	
Hall (Miss C. F.)		1	
Homans Pub. Co., N. Y. City		1	
Hope College, Holland, Mich.		1	
Hunter, (*Miss* M.)	1		
Hurst (A.)	15		
Illustrated American Publishing Co., N. Y. City	2		
Indianapolis Public Library		1	
Ingersoll (*Rev.* W. H.)		3	
Ivison, Blakeman & Co.	1		
Jewish Theological Seminary Association, N. Y. City		1	
Johns Hopkins University		2	3
Johnson (Dr. J. G.)		1	
Jones (L. E.)	53	25	8
Judge (W. Q.)		10	
Kansas State Historical Society	2	1	
——— State Library		1	
Kennedy (A.)		1	
Kimball (R. W., *M. D.*)		1	
Konvalinka (J. G.)			1
Kretzschmar (*Dr.* P. H.)		2	
Lain & Co.		1	
Lancaster (Mass.) Library		1	
Larison (C. W., *M. D.*,)			1
Latto (J. B.)	13	6	
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library			4
Leet (*Dr.* C. H.)			10
Lenox Library, N. Y. City		1	
Leveritch (G.)	1		
Lippincott Company (J. B.)	1		
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Long Island Diocese, Garden City		2	
Lorenz (O.)			1
Los Angeles Public Library		2	
Lynn (Mass,) Public Library		1	
McKnight (D.)	1		
McLaughlin (J. W., *M. D.*,)		1	
Maimonides Library, N. Y. City		1	
Malden (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		1	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		1	
"Manifesto" Office			1
Manvel (F. C.)			8
Marlborough (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Martin (C. C.)		2	
Mason (L. D., *M. D.*,)		3	1

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals			1
_____ State Library	11		
Masson (G.)			1
Maughan (W. W.)	1		
Meacham (J. H.)	2		
Meynen (*Miss* A.)	10		11
Milton, Weston Co	1		
Milwaukee Public Library			3
Minneapolis Bureau of Labor		1	
_____ Industrial Exposition		2	
_____ Public Library		9	1
Minnesota Historical Society	1	1	
Miscellaneous	1	53	39
Moffat (G. B.)	1	3	
Morgan (Jas. L., *Jr.*)	1		
Morse Institute		3	
National Executive Silver Committee		1	
"National Stenographer" Office		1	
Newark Free Public Library	1	2	12
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Newberry Library, Chicago		1	
Newburgh, N. Y., Board of Education		1	
Newburyport (Mass.) Public Library		1	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		2	
New Jersey *Bureau of Statistics, Camden*	2		
_____ *Historical Society*			2
_____ *State Geological Survey*	1	1	
_____ *State Library, Trenton*	1		
New London (Conn.) Historical Society	1		
New York City *Academy of Sciences*		2	3
_____ *Apprentices' Library*			1
_____ *Chamber of Commerce*	1		
_____ *Civil Service Reform Association*		2	
_____ *Columbian Reading Union*		1	1
_____ *Cooper Union*		3	
_____ *Department of Public Works*		1	
_____ *Free Circulating Library*		1	
_____ *Isabella Heimath*		1	
_____ *International Copyright League*		2	
_____ *Mercantile Library Association*		1	
_____ *N. Y. College of Veterinary Surgeons*		1	
_____ *N. Y. Historical Society*	2		
_____ *Produce Exchange*	1		
_____ *Publishers' Weekly*	1		
_____ *Society for Political Education*			1
_____ *Tribune*		1	2
_____ *Young Men's Christian Association*		3	
_____ State *Department of Public Parks*		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
New York State *R. R. Commissioners*	2		
——— *State Library*			4
——— *State Reformatory*		1	
——— *State Reservation at Niagara*		1	
——— *State University*	1	3	1
New York, Ontario & Western Railway		20	
Norman Williams Public Library, Woodstock, Vt	1		
"Notes and Gleanings," Exeter, Eng			2
Noyes (J. A.)	8		
Oakland (Cal.) Public Library			3
Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association		1	
O'Hanlon (*Rev.* J. C.)		1	
Ohio Meteorological Bureau		9	
——State Forestry Bureau	1		
Omaha Public Library		1	
Osborne (*Dr.* A. E.)		5	7
Otterson (*Dr.* W. C.)	13	10	
Pasadena (Cal.) "Daily Star"			15
Patrick (*Prof.* G. T. W.)		1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore		1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass		1	
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass		1	
Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery		1	
Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg	30	5	
Peoria Public Library		1	
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library Company*		1	
——— *Athenæum*		1	
——— *Library Company*		2	
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	4
——— *Times*		1	
Phillips Exeter Academy		1	
Phillips (B.)	2		
Pike (*Prof.* N.)			144
Pitman (Isaac) and Sons	9	2	
Poor (H. V. & H. W.)		3	
Pope (F. L.)	1	1	
Porter (J. E.)		2	
Portland (Me.) Public Library	2	4	
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia		1	
Prince Society, Boston		2	
Providence, R. I., *Athenæum*		1	
——— *Public Library*		1	
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I		1	
Reinwald (C.)			18
Reynolds' Library, Rochester, N. Y		1	
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence		2	
Rice (*Hon.* F.)	43		
Rochester Academy of Science		1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle"	1		
Romeike (H.)			5
Royal Society, London, Eng	2	1	13
Royal Society of Canada	1	1	2
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association		2	
_____ Public Library		1	1
_____ University		1	
St. Paul Public Library		1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		3	
San Francisco *Common Schools*		1	
_____ *Free Public Library*		1	
_____ *Mechanics' Institute*	1		
_____ *Mercantile Library Association*		2	
_____ *Odd Fellows' Library Association*		1	
Sanger (Wm. C.)	41	142	185
Sartwell (*Mrs.* M. E.)			26
Sawin, (J. M.)		1	
Scranton (Pa.) Board of Trade		1	
Shepard (C. H., *M. D.*)	2	2	
Simonin (M. L.)	45	8	41
Skilton (J. A.)	1	1	10
Skinner (C. M.)	1		
Smith (S.)	1		
Smithsonian Institution	1		
Society for Study of Inebriety, London			2
Southbridge (Mass.) Town Clerk's Office		1	
Spokane Falls (W. T.) Exposition		2	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association		1	5
Swansea (Eng.) Public Library		1	
Syvarth (*Mrs.* H.)	6		929
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	1
Terquem (E.)			4
Thiry (J. H.)		3	
Thomann (G.)	4	7	
Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy, Mass		1	
Thompson (D. G.)	1		
Thwing (*Dr.* E. P.)		17	
Tiemann (G.) *and Co*	1		
Toledo Public Library		1	
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		1	
Traddles Publishing Company	1		
Tratman (E. E. R.)	1		
Tucker (B. R.)			1
Tucker (W. G., *M.D.*)		1	
Tufts College		2	
Union College Alumni Association		1	
United States Government	155	67	310
University of California	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
University of Michigan		2	
——— Nebraska		1	
——— Rochester		1	
——— Virginia		1	
Upson (I. S.)	1		
Vail (R.)		1	
Van Sicklen (G.)	1		
Walker (E. H.)	145	28	321
Wall (H. H.)	9	1	
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill		1	
Waterhouse (S.)		13	
Watertown (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	
Webb (*Dr.* W. S.)	2		
Wesleyan University		1	
West Shore Publishing Company			1
White (R. E.)	1		
White (W. A.)	17	27	12
Wiepert (D. D.)			1
Wight (*Dr.* J. S.)	1		
Wilcox (J.)		1	
Wilkin (R. J.)		1	
Williams (Wm.)		2	
Wilmington (Del.) Institute		1	
Winsor (J.)		1	6
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library		1	
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania		2	
Wood (J. W.)	8	30	33
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library	1	1	
Worth (E.)	1		
Yale University		5	
Total	981	952	10,871

READING ROOM.

The number of readers during the week has steadily increased. The attendance on Sunday afternoons was 2,789 for 39 Sundays, the room not being opened on Sundays in July and August, and being unavoidably closed for repairs on four Sundays in January. The average Sunday attendance was 71.5; largest, on March 23d and December 14th and 21st, 90 each day; smallest, 38, on September 7th. The wooden pillars in the Reading Room having been pronounced inadequate to the support of the constantly increasing weight of books in the Library, have been removed and iron columns have been substituted, giving the room a

lighter and more spacious appearance. The electric lighting of the room has been altered and greatly improved.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use of reference books at the Library has been steadily increasing. The facilities afforded our members for direct access to the works of reference are exceptionally good, making the Reference Department a favorite resort for students and professional men.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

This collection has been increased since our last report. Ten cases have been added, making 56 volumes in all. The usefulness of this part of the Reference Library has been sufficiently demonstrated to warrant its enlargement as time permits. Of the ten volumes added, three belong to the class of Biography; the remainder comprise an interesting collection of scraps relating to New York City and its environs.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books during 1890 as compared with 1889, has been as follows:

	1889. Volumes.	1890. Volumes.
First Quarter	29,346	28,431
Second Quarter	24 695	24,172
Third Quarter	18,392	16,974
Fourth Quarter	26,569	25,455
	99,002	95,032

The Eastern District Branch was closed on August 1st, probably causing a slight decrease in the number of books issued to readers in this part of the city. Books are now exchanged twice daily at the drug store of Livingston & Underwood, corner Bedford avenue and Taylor street, by messenger from the Library in Montague street. It should be noted that the summary of book-circulation would be largely increased were the number of books issued to readers in the Reference Department taken into account. The time of one person is largely occupied in supplying readers in this

room, in some instances as many as 30 or 40 books being used by a single reader at one sitting.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

This section of the Library has been increased by the purchase of 300 additional volumes, which were mostly selected by Mr. Paul Tidden, while in Germany, last summer. Our collection of music now contains over 1,100 volumes, and there is a steady request for works in this class. The circulation of music, like ordinary books, which was tried as an experiment eight years ago, has proved a gratifying success.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership during the year have been $10,205.58.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual Members (who have paid their subscription to March 1, 1891).	1,636
Extra Annual Subscriptions at $3.00 (to March, 1891)	385
Life Members, by payment of $100	531
Life Members, (original Athenæum subscriptions)	37
Permanent Membership, by payment of $500	283
Total Membership on March 1, 1891	2,872
Total Membership on March 1, 1890	2,992
Showing a decrease of	120

Since the last report, the following deaths have occurred: *Life Members:* D. V. Arguimbau, Isaac H. Frothingham, James A. Hewlett, John T. Kennady, Chauncey E. Low, J. N. B. Middleton, Ripley Ropes, Reuben W. Ropes, Rev. N. E. Smith, Mrs. Helen O. Wood. *Permanent Members:* D. B. Fayerweather, Henry P. Journeay, W. S. Woodward.

CLASSES.

The classes in modern languages were discontinued after June, 1890; the class rooms having been needed for office purposes. Classes in Phonography and Typewriting are still conducted as usual by Prof. T. J. Ellinwood.

Net income from classes during year, $408.96.

From Spanish Classes	$21.00
" French "	48.00
" Phonography Classes	339.96
Total	$408.96

BULLETIN AND CARD CATALOGUE.

A bulletin of 2,000 titles selected from the year's purchases was published December 1st, and 10,000 copies were sent to our subscribers and to others throughout the city. A bulletin of the recently added musical works, was also printed in February, and widely distributed. The Card Catalogue is kept completed to date, all new acquisitions being catalogued at least once every week. The weekly lists of additions are posted in the Delivery Room and in the Reference Department, and are published in the local newspapers. To the papers of Brooklyn our acknowledgments are due for many favors received.

DISTRICT DELIVERIES

The number of volumes delivered during the year at eight branch stations was 5,877.

LECTURES.

A lecture was delivered, under the direction of the Library, on November 3d, by Mr. James Bryce, M. P.; subject, "An Age of Discontent." Mr. Bryce was welcomed by a large and appreciative audience. The only public address delivered by him during his visit to America was the one with which he favored the Brooklyn Library. A series of four lectures on "The Discovery of America," was given also for the Library, by Mr. John Fiske, of Cambridge, Mass., at the residence of Mr. Gordon L. Ford, 97 Clark street. Mr. Ford cordially offered the use of his elegant and commodious library for the delivery of the lectures. They were given on Saturday afternoons in February, at 4 o'clock, and were well attended.

LIGHTS, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The cost of lighting the building during the year has been $1,302.97, against $1,182.44 for 1889, an increase of $120.53.

The light is now furnished principally by the Edison Electric Company, the wiring having been placed in position in April and May, 1890. The light has been found satisfactory both in quality and quantity, and the location of the lamps in the Reading Room, and more especially in the alcoves of the Library, is exceedingly convenient.

The roof, skylight, window casings and iron shutters have been put in order and painted. Iron columns have been substituted for those of wood in the Reading Room. The Ladies' Reading Room, and the Class Room on the first floor of the building, have been altered and fitted up for office purposes, with separate entrance from the street.

ESPECIAL WORK.

In addition to the ordinary routine of the Library the following work has been done:

1. Special lists have been made of English Parliamentary documents and debates (Cobbett and Hansard); also of American newspapers (bound volumes). These lists are inventoried in the same volume with non-official United States documents.

2. The re-arrangement of unbound files of newspapers and periodicals on new shelving in the upper part of the building has been continued, and a shelf-list of the same is begun.

3. Ten additional volumes of clippings have been completed and placed in the Reference Department, increasing the collection to a total of 56 volumes.

4. Several copies of Sargent's "Reading for the Young" have been marked on the margin in red ink with the shelf number of such books as are in our Library. These marked copies are placed in the Reference and Delivery Rooms for consultation by readers.

5. The slip-list of maps and pamphlets has been written up to date.

6. A slip-list of fairy-tales and folk-lore for the use of juvenile readers is approaching completion.

FINANCES.

The details of income and of payments made during the year, are given in the reports of the Treasurers of the Boards of Trustees and Directors. A comparison of receipts and expenses gives the following result:

Actual receipts for the year	$22,278 15
Actual expenses during the year	21,649 85
Leaving a balance over of	$628 30

THE LIBRARY STAFF

at present consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Librarian, Mr. W. A. Bardwell; First Assistant, Mr. James D. Crichton; other assistants, Mr. J. B. Latto and Misses E. G. Van Ingen, F. L. Bostwick, S. A. Beatty, L. F. Tweedy, E. M. Johnson, A. H. Greene and E. F. Smith.

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It is a matter for sincere rejoicing among those interested in the welfare of libraries, and to all who care for the national honor and the higher interests of American life, that a copyright bill has at last, after the delays and defeats of half a century, been passed. The bill, although perhaps inadequate as it stands, recognizes the principle that the foreign writer owns his work, and its passage removes a long standing reproach against American legislation. Many authors, publishers and librarians have given time and effort to the agitation of the subject, notably Mr. R. U. Johnson, of the "Century" Magazine, whose patience and persistency during the long contest for the passage of a copyright bill have been indefatigable. It is pleasant to remember that our Library aided in the encouragement afforded American authors and the cause of International Copyright by the sum of $400, realized for the American Copyright League from the Authors' readings given last year at the Academy of Music.

CONCLUSION.

The Directors contemplate making certain improvements, in the early autumn, for the special convenience of readers who use the Department of Reference. The changes under consideration would secure more favorable conditions for the student's work, and involve a reinforcement of the Librarian's staff. The Directors urgently call attention to the fact that an enlargement of the financial resources of the Library can be made to contribute to the greater efficiency of its work. They will be ready, at any time, to point out specific ways wherein the philanthropic may see opportunities for promoting the advancement of learning in our city.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUMAN J. BACKUS,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer*, *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1890		$348 75
Initiation fees	$494 00	
Dues	9,711 58	
		10,205 58
Trustees: Current Income of the		
Alex. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	6,250 00	
		9,150 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selections of books from current purchases		250 91
Total receipts from Lectures		1,611 00
Classes in Phonography	339 96	
Classes in French	48 00	
Classes in Spanish	21 00	
		408 96
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		89 25
Donation for Books		500 00
Sundries: Rent, etc.		62 45
		$22,626 90

Books (including Music)	$3,279 79	
Less amount from books sold	26 24	
		$3,253 55
Binding		695 83
Periodicals	1,366 47	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	54 79	
		1,311 68
Salaries		8,754 15
Lectures		1,589 01
Light	1,302 97	
Fuel	392 75	
Building and Fixtures	946 78	
Janitor and care of building	1,314 21	
		3,956 71
Bulletin and Catalogue	371 65	
Stationery and Printing	583 86	
Advertising	191 45	
		1,146 96
Delivery to Branches	184 00	
Sundries	268 79	
Interest	489 05	
		941 96
		$21,649 85
Balance, March 1st, 1891		977 17
		$22,626 90

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Institution for the current year, ending February 28, 1891.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Cr.	Balance February 28, 1890		$9,417 86
	Redemption of 9 Bonds of the Grand St., P. P. & F. R. R. Co		9,000 00
	Interest on the same		315 00
	Interest on Hanson Place Mortgage		150 00
	Principal of " " " Mortgage assigned		6,000 00
	Loan on Mortgage from the Trustees of the Cary Fund		5,000 00
	Loan on demand from the Brooklyn Trust Co		11,000 00
	Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street		3,777 96
	" " " " 201 Montague Street		4,675 00
	" " " " 152 Pierrepont Street		573 32
	" " " " Library Building		2,700 00
	Interest allowed on balances		51 52
			$52,660 66
Dr.	Purchase of Property No. 152 Pierrepont Street	$25,000 00	
	Repayment on act. of Loan from B'klyn Trust Co	9,000 00	
	Interest to January 1, 1891, on said Loan	86 02	
	" " date on Mortgage to Trustees of Cary Fund	177 78	
	Interest allowed on Hanson Pl. Mortgage assigned	15 83	
	Alterations and Repairs to No. 193 Montague St	6,302 82	
	" " " 201 Montague St	212 79	
	" " to Library Building	1,978 05	
	" " to No. 152 Pierrepont St	23 33	
	Payments to the Board of Directors, viz:		
	Income of White Fund $1,500 00		
	" " Martin Fund 600 00		
	" " Wood Fund 500 00		
	" " Cary Bequest 300 00		
	" " General Fund 6,250 00		
		9,150 00	
	Assessment on Stock, Indiana, B. & W. Account	3 50	
			51,950 12
	Balance, February 28, 1891		$710 54

THE INCOME ACCOUNT OF OFFICE PROPERTIES IS AS FOLLOWS.

No 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$3,777 96
Less disbursements, as follows, viz.:		
Gas	$61 13	
Water Rates	30 14	
Insurance	22 86	
Commissions	93 00	
Carting Ashes	10 00	
General Repairs	101 69	
		318 82
Balance, being Net Income		$3,459 14

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$4,675 00
Less Disbursements, as follows, viz.:		
Gas	$3 51	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	16 00	
Commissions	116 88	
General Repairs	33 16	
		$193 55
Balance, being Net Income		$4,481 45

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$573 32
Less Disbursements, as follows, viz.:		
Insurance	$10 00	
Interest on Mortgage to February 28, 1891	177 78	
Commissions	13 33	
		$201 11
Balance, being Net Income		$372 21

Library Building,

Gross Rentals collected		$2,700 00
Less Disbursements, as follows, viz. :		
Water Rates	$36 00	
Insurance	96 00	
Commissions	37 50	
General Repairs	268 00	
		437 50
Balance, being Net Income		$2,262 50

In carrying out the plans approved by the joint Boards for the alterations and improvements of the property, No. 193 Montague street, and the Library building proper, and for the purchase of the property, No. 152 Pierrepont street, it became necessary not only to use all the uninvested funds

of the Library and the principal of the nine bonds of the Grand Street, Prospect Park & Flatbush Railroad which had matured and been paid, but also to sell the mortgage hitherto held on the property on Hanson place, of $6,000, to borrow the sum of $5,000 from the Trustees of the Cary Fund on a mortgage of the Pierrepont street property, and a further sum of $2,000 from the Brooklyn Trust Company, and to appropriate from the current revenue the sum of $927.93. The actual value of the betterments resulting from the various additions and alterations made has been set at $7,671.79, and this sum has been suitably apportioned to the several properties, increasing their valuations, as appears on the Balance Sheet. Corresponding with this action the General Fund has been enlarged by the sum taken from General Income, viz.: $927.93, and for convenience the balance hitherto standing as "Endowment Fund Subscription" has also been transferred to this account, so that the General Fund now shows a balance of $39,289.39. Such further improvements as have been made, and are yet to be paid for, will make a further demand upon the current income of the coming year, unless resources not at the moment foreseen shall become available.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street		$3,459 14
	" " " 201 Montague Street		4,481 45
	" " " 152 Pierrepont Street		372 21
	" " Library Building		2,262 50
	Interest on Hanson Place Mortgage, net		134 14
	" on Railroad Bonds, net		234 00
			$10,943 47
Dr.	Insurance Account, being premium on Books, Furniture, Fixtures, etc	$117 00	
	Interest Account, being balance of Interest	34 50	
	Assessment on Indiana, Bloomington & Western account	3 50	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
	For Income of Special Funds. $2,900 00		
	For " General Fund. 6,250 00		
		9,150 00	
	Transferred to General Fund, as representing the contribution of General Income to repairs	927 93	
			10,232 93
	Balance		$710 54

The balance of the General Income Account, as here shown, has been retained by the Trustees for the payment of fire insurance premium on renewals of insurance upon all the property of the Institution, which have been made for the term of three years from March 1, 1891.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$710 54	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate, No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate, No. 201 Montague Street	32,850 00	
Real Estate, No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate, Library Building	153,500 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		39,289 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loan from Brooklyn Trust Co		2,000 00
Mortgage on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		710 54
	$266,748 43	$266,748 43

The insurance upon Library property remains unchanged in amount, except for the amount standing on No. 152 Pierrepont street, and is as follows:

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	90,000 00
Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,

Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1891.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BROOKLYN, March 12, 1891.

To the Trustees of the Brooklyn Library:

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Executive Committee respectfully submits the following report of its transactions for the year ending 28th February, 1891.

On account of the increasing importance of this part of Montague street as a business centre, it has been thought desirable to go to considerable expense in altering and improving our office buildings. The improvements to No. 193 Montague street were begun in March last and completed within three months. A new front was put in up to the second story, and in the rear an extension, one story and basement in height, was built, eighteen feet in width and extending the whole depth of the lot. The upper floor of No. 193 is now occupied by the janitor of the Library. It is hoped that the room he formerly occupied in the basement of the Library building may be let for business purposes. The total cost of the improvements on No. 193 Montague street is about $7,000.

In the Library Building the front rooms on the first floor have been altered into offices, each being given a separate entrance from the street. This seems to have been done without serious injury to the architectural effect of the building. The cost of these changes is about $2,400, and the offices are let for three years at an annual rental of $3,000, a substantial addition to the income of the Library.

In the Reading Room of the Library, the wooden columns were beginning to show signs of over pressure, and it has been necessary to substitute iron columns for them. The appearance of the room is improved by the change, and the new columns will bear all the weight that it

will ever be necessary to place on them. The cost of the columns is $1,889. and the cost of shifting the gas and electric lights is about $250 more. These bills will be paid in the next fiscal year.

The roof and iron shutters of the Library building were painted during the year. In the rear of office building, No. 201 Montague street, a brick fence was substituted for the wooden one, which had become rather dilapidated.

A modification of the party wall agreement as to the west wall of office building No. 193 Montague street, was entered into with the Brooklyn Real Estate Exchange, Limited, now owning the adjacent property, by which the Exchange was allowed to remove certain portions of its half of said party wall, and the Library acquires the right to remove *all* of its half of the wall. Up to the present time the building No. 193 Montague street, has shown no signs of injury from the construction of its lofty neighbor.

The most important action by this Committee during the year was effecting the purchase of the house and lot No. 152 Pierrepont street (directly in the rear of our office building, No. 193 Montague street), for the sum of $25,000. The unanimous approval of the Board of Directors, as well as of the Board of Trustees, was first obtained. The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees shows that, in order to obtain the amount required, it was necessary to borrow $2,000, besides appropriating all the investment funds of the Library, with one trifling exception.

For the ensuing fiscal year the *gross* income of the real estate of the Library is estimated at between $13,000 and $14,000. Probably for the year following it will be somewhat more. The expenditure for addition, and betterments, now being made out of current income, will shortly cease, and the Trustees will be able to turn over to the Directors a largely increased income from rentals.

Respectfully submitted,

for the Executive Committee,

W. A. WHITE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Cary Fund I have to report, as required by the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust, viz., the sum of $5,000, has, since the date of the last report, been invested in a loan to the Library Corporation, to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the recently acquired property of the Library, No. 152 Pierrepont street, at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

The income received during the current year, ending February 28, 1891, was $213.88, which, with the balance previously unexpended, gave the sum of $252.42 available for the purchase of books. An appropriation has been made for this purpose of $250.91, for which a careful selection from current purchases of the Library has been made, numbering twenty-six volumes, the amount having been paid over to the Treasurer of the Library and the books duly marked and recorded as gifts to the Library from the Cary Fund. There remains of income unexpended only the small balance of $1.51.

At the date of the last report a vacancy in the Board had occurred by the death of Mr. Edmund W. Corlies. A further vacancy has since arisen through the resignation of Mr. Adrian Van Sinderen, one of the original Trustees. These vacancies have been filled by the appointment, pursuant to the provisions of the original Deed of Trust, of Mr. William Augustus White and Mr. Thomas E. Stillman, as Trustees, and the Board is therefore once again complete.

Which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Trustee.

BROOKLYN, March 26, 1891.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to "THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

Your Board of Directors, during the past year, have been able to secure many improvements in the equipment and in the administration of the Library. They have not been beset by those perplexities which attend a diminishing revenue. Increased resources have made it possible to put the buildings of the Corporation in excellent repair, to add much to the attractiveness of our public rooms, and to enlarge the annual appropriation for the purchase of books. The net addition in the number of volumes when compared with the addition of the previous year shows an increase of sixty-two per cent.

The acquisitions include some rare books, and add significant value to our collection in the departments of History and Geography, of Science and Industrial Arts, of Cyclopedias, of Social Science, and of Music. There have been liberal appropriations for the purchase of duplicate copies of such books as are frequently called for by our members.

Expressions of appreciation for the improved facilities offered to our readers, and for the assistance rendered by our Librarian have been emphatic and frequent. Special students in various lines of investigation, and the general reader, as well, give testimony to the increased pleasure found in their use of the Library.

While the circulation of books from the Delivery Room has been greater than last year, the use of books in the Reference Room and in the general Reading Room has been unprecedented.

Mr. Bardwell has submitted to the Directors a detailed report of the year's work at the Library, from which the following statements and statistical tables are transcribed:

BOOKS.

5,406 volumes have been added to the Library during the past year by purchase, of which 2,747 were for the special Library of Reference in the Reading Room; 2,659 volumes are for the Circulating and Reference Departments. In addition to the best books in the English language that have been published during the year, many additions of scarce and desirable works from auction sales have been made. The following table shows the additions by classes:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1891.	Additions, 1891–'92.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1891–'92.	Net additions, 1891–'92.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1892.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	15,886	1,412	13	1,399	17,285
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	6,548	318	6	312	6,860
Science and Industrial Arts	8,288	515		515	8,803
Biography	7,730	740	8	732	8,462
Natural History	2,196	124	2	122	2,318
Fine Arts	3,881	276	1	275	4,156
Collective Works, Encyclopedias, etc.	2,044	204	1	203	2,247
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc.	3,850	181	1	180	4,030
Political, Social and Economic Science	5,867	369	5	364	6,231
Poetry, Drawing, Essays, etc	6,780	351	11	340	7,120
Fiction	21,630	1,674	122	1,552	23,182
Foreign Languages	9,606	19		19	9,625
Bound Periodicals	7,710	221	2	219	7,929
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	4,642	365	4	361	5,003
Total	106,658	6,769	176	6,593	113,251

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			106,558
Additions by purchase		5,406	
Additions by donations		1,059	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets		261	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries		43	
		6,769	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	137		
Deduct volumes sold	31		
Deduct volumes exchanged, etc	8		
		176	
			6,593
Total			113,251
Books bought during the year			5,406
Additions by binding			261
Total			5,667
Books purchased amount in cash to			$6,451 38
Books bound amount in cash to			811 00
Total expended for books			$7,262 38

Of which $3,231.07 was for books for the Reading Room.
Average cost per volume of books purchased, $1.19.3.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 1,487.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 539.
Number of books repaired in Library during year, 580.
Number of books covered and lettered during year, 18,235.

Among the more important works added during the past year are:

Bien—Atlas of the Metropolitan District.
Brundage—Atlas of New York City and Manhattan Island.
Burdett—Hospitals and Asylums of the World, 4 vols.
Clarke—The Steam Engine, 4 vols.
Duruy—History of Greece, vols. 3 and 4 (2 parts each).
Kirk—Supplement to Allibone's Dictionary of Authors, 2 vols.
Lyon—Colonial Furniture.
New Iconographic Cyclopedia, vols. 1–6.
Pepper—System of Medicine, 6 vols.
Sargent—Silva of North America, vols. 2, 3.
Throop—Revised Statutes, S. N. Y., 4 vols.
Tryon—Conchology, vols. 6 and 12.
Wheatley—London, 3 vols.
Wilson—Memorial History of New York City, vol. 1.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received within the year from four hundred and five donors, gifts of 798 volumes, 1,433 pamphlets and 2,824 numbers of periodicals and publications of societies. From the Public Department at Washington, 173 volumes of public documents and official reports have been received.

Some gifts especially noteworthy are as follows:

Hon. David A. Boody, 50 volumes.
Mrs. B. F. Bache, 34 volumes.
Mr. C. P. Dewey, 9 volumes.
Mr. E. E. Ford, 52 volumes.
Mrs. E. T. H. Gibson, 13 volumes.
Col. J. Hamilton, 51 volumes.
Mr. Arthur Hurst, 9 volumes.
Mr. L. E. Jones, 24 volumes.
Dr. R. C. Moffatt, 39 volumes.
Mr. W. G. Oates, 36 volumes.
Mr. Chas. M. Skinner, 105 volumes.
Dr. P. P. Wells, 12 volumes.
Mr. Alfred T. White, 4 volumes.
Mr. Wm. A. White, 14 volumes.
Mr. J. P. Wintringham, 7 volumes.
Mr. J. W. Wood, 10 volumes.

From the daily newspapers of Brooklyn, bound volumes of the *Citizen*, *Daily Eagle*, *Standard-Union*, and *Daily Times*.

From the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg, 21 volumes.

From the Long Island Historical Society, 625 pamphlets.

LIST OF DONORS, 1891–92.

	Vols.	Pamphl. Nos.
Ager (*Rev.* J. C.)	2	
Albany Medical College		2
Allen *and* Ginter	1	
American Academy of Political Science		2
——— Colonization Society		2
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	1	
——— Swedenborg Publishing Society	12	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Aron (J.)		2	
Bache (*Mrs.* B. F.)	34		
Balch (S. W.)			2
Banker's Almanac		1	1
Bardwell (W. A.)		22	
Bleecker (R.)	1	12	
Boody (*Hon.* D. A.), Mayor of Brooklyn	50	6	11
Boston Public Library		1	5
Bowdoin College		1	1
Brainard's (S.) Sons' Company	1	2	
British Economic Association		2	
Brooklyn (City of) *Board of Elections*	1		
——— *Citizen*	5		
——— *Daily Eagle*	3		
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Ethical Association*		2	
——— *Institute*	2	6	
——— *Packer Collegiate Institute*	2		
——— *Polytechnic Institute*	1	1	
——— *Pratt Institute*		3	1
——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		4	
——— *Standard-Union*	3		
——— *Union for Christian Work*		2	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		1	1
Brown (J. S.)	5	31	607
Buckley (*Mrs.* A. J.)	1		
Burgheim Publishing Company			3
California Home for Feeble Minded Children			3
Canadian Pacific Railway Co		8	1
Chicago Public Library		11	5
Cincinnati Public Library		2	3
Collet (C. D.)			16
Collier (H. P.)	1		
Columbia College School of Mines		1	1
Cook (T.) *and Son*	1		
Cornell University		1	2
Crawshay (*Mrs.*)			2
Crichton (J. D.)	1	5	2
Delaware Historical Society			2
Denver (Col.) Public Library	1		7
Detroit Public Library		2	
Dewey (C. P.)	9	2	1
Eddy (Jas.)	1		
Ellis (*Dr.* J.)		2	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore		2	
Farley (*Rev.* Dr.)	6		
Farmers' Trust and Loan Company		2	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Farrington (W. D.)	1	49	
Foote (A. E., *M. D.*)			4
Foote (A. R.)		2	
Ford (E. E.)	52		
Freshman (*Rev.* J.)		4	
Fulton (H.)	1		
Gibson (*Mrs.* E. T. H.)	13	11	
Gilmore (*Rev.* G. W.)	1		
Gloversville (N. Y.) Free Library	1		
Hamilton (*Col.* John)	51		
Harlem R. R. Co		3	
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		1	2
_____ Theological Seminary			6
Harvard University	1	5	5
_____ Library			2
Hemenway South Western Archaeological Expedition	1		
Hemstreet (Wm.)	1		
Hermann (*Hon.* B.)	3		
Hill (N. P.)	1		
Hobart College		2	
Hoepli (U.)	1		
Holland Society, N. Y. City	1		
Homans Pub. Co., N. Y. City		1	1
Hurst (A.)	9		
Indiana State Bureau of Statistics	1		
Ingalls (W.)	2	2	
Ingersoll (E.)	1		
James (D. R.)	1		
Jersey City Free Public Library	1	4	2
Johns Hopkins University		2	
Jones (L. F.)	24	23	11
Larison (C. W.)			6
Latto (J. B.)	2	2	17
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	3
Lenox Library, N. Y. City		2	
Le Plongeon (D.)		1	3
Littlejohn (*R't Rev. Bishop*)	1		
Lockwood (*Dr.* J.)	1		
Long Island Historical Society Library	2	625	
Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library		1	3
La Lumière éléctrique			3
Maimonides Library, N. Y. City		3	
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		2	
Manvel (F. C.)			19
Martin (C. C.)	3		
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		4	
Massachusetts State Bureau of Labor	4	2	
_____ Library	2	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Maynard (J. Q.)	1		
Mercantile Register Co.	1		
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		1	5
Minneapolis (Minn.) Public Library		1	2
Minnesota State Survey	1		
Miscellaneous		9	42
Moffat (R. C.)	39		
Mulertt (H.)	1		
Nebraska Institution for Feeble-Minded Youth	3		
——— State Historical Society	2		
Newark Free Public Library			10
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library			2
New Jersey, *Bureau of Statistics of Labor*	1		
——— *State Library*		2	1
New York City. *Academy of Sciences*			3
——— *Cooper Union*		2	
——— *Free Circulating Library*		3	
——— *N. Y. Coffee Exchange*		2	
——— *N. Y. Historical Society*	1		
——— *N. Y. Mathematical Society*		1	1
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		3	
——— State. *Chamber of Commerce*	1	1	
——— *Department of Public Parks*		2	
——— *Forest Commission*	2		
——— *Homeopathic Medical Society*	1		
——— *State Asylum for Idiots*		3	
——— *State Library*		1	1
——— *State Reformatory*		2	
——— *State University*			11
Novello, Ewer & Co	1		
Oates (W. G.)	36		
Otterson (*Mrs.* J. C.)	1		
Packer Institute		80	14
Peabody Institute, Baltimore		2	
Pennsylvania State Library	21	2	1
Philadelphia *Library Co*			2
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	2
Pike (*Mrs.* L)		1	42
Pinkerton (R. A.)	1		
Poor (H. V. *and* H. W.)	2		
"Postal Record," N. Y. City			2
Potter (I. B.)		2	
Pratt (*Mrs.* Chas.)	1		
Providence (R. I.) *Public Library*		2	
"Publisher," N. Y. City			3
Rand, McNally & Co.	1		
Raymond (*Dr.* J. H.)		3	
Reinwald (C.), *et Cie*			12

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Rice (*Hon.* F.)	4		
Robbins (E. P.)	1		
Rochester (N. Y.) Public Schools	1		
Romeike (H.)			6
Ross (*Mrs.* W. A.)	2		92
Rowell (G. P.) *and Co*	1		
Royal Society of Canada	1		
Royal Society, London, Eng	1	1	6
St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library		2	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		2	12
San Francisco (Cal.) *Free Public Library*		1	1
Sanger (W. C.)	2	9	4
Saunders (F. H.)	1		
Seymour (M. F.) Publishing Co			2
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)		2	42
Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn		2	
Simms (*Dr.* J.)		2	
Skelton (J. A.)	1		
Skinner (C. M.)	105	30	418
Slocum (F.)	1		
Smead *and* Northcott	1	2	
Smithsonian Institution	4	32	37
Society for Study of Inebriety			2
Sotheran (H.) *and Co*	1	2	2
Spaulding (J. A.)	1		
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association		1	12
Stevens (B. F.)		3	
Stillwell (W. H.)	1		
Stovel Co., Publishers, Winnnepeg, (Manitoba)		2	1
"Street Railway Review," Chicago			2
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	2
Terquem (E.)		2	10
"Texas Sanitarian"			2
Thwing (E. P.)	1	4	
Toronto (Can.) Public Library	1	3	
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn		2	
Turner (J. S.)	1		
United States Book Co	1		
United States Government	173	58	403
"University Extension" Office			2
University of Chicago			2
———— Michigan		2	
Vassar (J. C.)	1		
Warner (C. H.)	17		
Washington & Lee University		2	2
Waterhouse (*Prof.* S.)		2	
"Weekly Bulletin," Boston, Mass			3
Wells (P. P.)	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Wells (*Miss*)	12		
Wesleyan University			2
White (A. T.)	4	3	
White (W. A.)	14	12	15
Whitehouse (*Miss*)			314
Williams College		2	
Winslow (J.)		2	
Wintringham (J. P.)	7	2	372
Wisconsin State Historical Society		2	
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania		2	
Wood (J. W.)	10	31	16
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago		12	70
Yale University		2	1
Totals	798	1,285	2,778
Donors of 1 Pamphlet		148	
Donors of Numbers			46
Totals	798	1,433	2,824

The following were donors of one *Pamphlet* each:

Albany College of Pharmacy; American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Congregational Association; American Dante Society; American Economic Association; American Folk-lore Society; American Institute of Electrical Engineers; American Library Association; American Missionary Association; American Philological Association; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; American Society of Microscopists; Amherst College; Andover Theological Seminary; Army and Navy Journal; Association of American Institutions for Feeble-minded Persons; Astor Library; Auburn Theological Seminary; Mrs. S. L. Baldwin; Bangor (Me.) Public Library; J. Bell; J. M. Berry; Boston National Civil Service Reform League; Boston Society of Biblical Literature; Bradford (Eng.) Public Free Libraries; Brand *and* Hutton; Brookline (Mass.) Public Library; Brooklyn Baptist Church Extension Society; Brooklyn Board of Education; Brooklyn Board of Public Instruction; Brooklyn Civil Service Reform Association; Brooklyn Department of Health; Brooklyn Diet Dispensary; Brooklyn Orphan Asylum; Brooklyn Young Women's Christian Association; Buffalo Library; G. Carnesecchi, *e Figli;* Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; Cincinnati Young Men's Mercantile Library; Clerkenwell (Eng.) Public Library; Cleveland (O.) Public Library; Commercial Cable Co.; Connecticut Historical Society; Delaware State Library; Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; Duluth Board of Public Works; R. I. Dunbar; T. Favus; Fletcher Free Library; J. Foster; Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.; Gambier College, Ohio; General Theological Seminary, New York City; Georgetown University; German Society of New York State; Gillet *and* Morsford; Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library; S. S. Greene; Rev. W. E. Griffis; Halifax Public Library; Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library; Hartford Courant; W. Herries; Historical Printing Club, Brooklyn; Hoboken Free Public Library; Home Hotel Association; Hope College, Michigan; Howard Univer-

sity, Washington; Indianapolis Public Library; W. L. Keese; Lafayette College; Lancaster (Mass.) Library; Lawyers' Title Insurance Co.; C. C. Leigh; F. P. Lewis; Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library; Long Island College Hospital; Malden (Mass.) Public Library; Manchester (N. H.) Public Library; Chas. Marchand; Marlborough (Mass.) Public Library; Massachusetts State Board of Health; Minneapolis Industrial Exposition; Mitchell's, New York City; G. B. Moffat; P. Montt; M. F. Morris; Morse Institute, Natick; Mount Holyoke Seminary; W. A. Mowry; C. A. Nelson; New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library; Newberry Library, Chicago; Newburyport (Mass.) Public Library; New Haven Young Men's Institute; New York and Northern Railway; New York Central Railway; New York, Ontario and Western Railway; New York General Society of Mechanics; Isabella Heimath; New York Metropolitan Museum of Art; New York National Civil Service Reform League; New York College of Veterinary Surgeons; New York State Reservation at Niagara; Nicaragua Canal Co.; Northwestern Review; Ohio Meterological Bureau; Omaha (Neb.) Public Library; Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.; Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery; Philadelphia Apprentices' Library; Philadelphia "Times;" Portland (Mich.) Public Library; Portland (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce; Protestant Episcopal Church; Providence (R. I.) Athenaeum; Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.; Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.; Rhode Island Historical Society; St. Joseph (Mo.) Free Public Library; St. Louis Mercantile Library Association: St. Paul Public Library; St. Vincent College; San Francisco (Cal.) Odd Fellows' Library; Sanford *and* Kelley; J. M. Sawin; Scranton (Pa.) Public Library; Somerville (Mass.) Public Library; Swansea (Eng.) Public Library; Swedenborg Publishing Association; H. H. Tammen; J. H. Thiry; A. R. Thompson; Toledo (O.) Public Library; E. E. R. Tratman; Wm. G. Tucker; Tufts College; Typothetae Society of New York; University of California; University of Rochester; University of Vermont; I. S. Upson; Warder Public Library, Springfield, Mass.; Watford (Eng.) Public Library; A. J. White; S. V. White & Co.; N. H. Winchell; Woburn (Mass.) Public Library; Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library.

The following were donors of one *Number* each:

American Athlete; American Monthly Microscopical Journal; Asiatic Quarterly Review; Dr. T. J. Bennett; Book Buyer and Seller; Boston Book Company; California Architect; H. J. Carr; C. W. Cooley; G. B. Davenport; *Epoch;* Dr. H. Fields; *Financial Record,* New York; J. P. Gilley: W. M. Griswold; R. Gun; Dr. A. Hamilton; *Heretic;* Howard University Library; Illustrated American Publishing Co.; *International Journal of Ethics;* E. R. Kennedy; C. H. Leet; *Literary Light; Manifesto;* Dr. W. H. Maxwell; Thos. Meehan *and Sons;* A. W. Mumford; National Corporation Reporter; New York Apprentices' Library; New York History Co.; Oberlin College; *Open Court; Our Language; Paradise of the Pacific;* Patent Publishing Co.; Rochester (N. Y.) Academy of Science; *St. Louis Truth;* H. G. Seaver; Society for Psychological Research; *Travelers Record;* United Societies of Believers; Warren County Library; Illinois Western Bookseller, Chicago; R. J. Wilkin.

DUPLICATES.

Number of volumes on hand March, 1891	2,335
Net additions during 1891–92	249
Total volumes now on hand for sale or exchange	2,584

READING ROOM.

The use of this room has been greater than in any previous year. This has especially been the case since the new Library of Reference has been placed on the shelves, which has been gradually accomplished during the Fall and Winter, as fast as the books were ready. During portions of the day the room is filled, not a seat being left vacant.

The Sunday attendance shows a total of 3,029, for 44 afternoons, the room not being open on Sundays in July and August.

Average Sunday attendance, 68.8. Largest, 96, on October 28th; smallest, 42, on June 28th, 1891.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

A number of valuable works have been added to the collection in this room:

Concluding parts of the Century Dictionary.
King—Hand-book of the United States, 2,637 illustrations.
Kirk—Supplement to Allibone's Dictionary of Authors, 2 vols.
Moon—Men and Women of the Time, 13th ed.
Pepper—System of Medicine, 5 vols.
Seyffert—Dictionary of Classical Antiquities.
Smith—Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, new ed., 2 vols.
Wood—U. S. Dispensatory, 16th ed.

and a number of other books for use in this department.

It is intended that students shall find here the best facilities and aids to study; and the Librarian or his assistants will at any time be pleased to give help to those who require it in the pursuit of information.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Since our last report, nine cases have been added to this collection, comprising six volumes of Quotations (four of poetry and two of prose); one volume on Coins and Medals, one on Gems, and one of scraps and pamphlets, illustrative

of the coming World's Fair at Chicago. The collections now number 65 volumes. Special donations of clippings for this department are always acceptable, as also are maps of any description, folded or unfolded; particularly local or county maps. Donations of clippings have recently been presented to the Library by

Miss C. D. Le Row,

Miss M. L. Lovett,

Mr. S. M. Murdock.

The World's Columbian Exposition; Department of Publication and Distribution.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books during 1891, as compared with that of 1890, has been as follows:

	1890. Volumes.	1891. Volumes.
First Quarter	28,431	29,023
Second Quarter	24,172	25,015
Third Quarter	16,974	17,593
Fourth Quarter	25,455	25,577
	95,032	97,208

showing a gain of 2,176 volumes.

MUSIC.

About ninety volumes, mostly collections of songs, in which respect our Library of Music has hitherto been deficient, were recently added. This part of our Library fully retains its popularity, the works contained in it being in daily request. The collection now comprises 1,200 volumes.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership during the year have been $10,209.23.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1892)	1,636
Extra annual subscription at $5.00 (to March 1, 1892)	377
Life members by payment of $100	524
Life members (original Athenæum subscriptions)	37
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	282
Total membership on March 1, 1892	2,856
Total membership on March 1, 1891	2,872

Since our last report the following deaths have occurred: *Life Members*—Wm. A. Brown, Gordon L. Ford, Anthony Gilkison, Charles Pratt, Rev. S. T. Spear, Rev. H. J. Van Dyke, Dr. P. P. Wells. *Permanent Member*—Pickering Clarke.

CLASSES.

The only classes now conducted in connection with the Library are those in Phonography and Typewriting, under the care of Prof. T. J. Ellinwood, on the third floor of the Library building. The income from this source during the year has been $363.32.

BULLETIN AND CARD CATALOGUE.

The usual bulletin of 2,000 titles, selected from books purchased during the year, was published in December, and 13,000 copies were distributed to our members and to others throughout the city. The card catalogue is kept completed; all additions being written up and the cards incorporated as fast as the books are received.

The weekly lists of books added are posted in the Delivery Room and in the Reference Department, and are published in the local newspapers.

It would seem that much reliance is placed on the newspaper lists, judging by the number of those clipped out and used by readers, as memoranda of recent additions to the Library.

We gratefully acknowledge the frequent favors extended to us by the daily newspapers of Brooklyn, and their kindly interest in the welfare of the Library.

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered during the year at nine branch stations was 5,125.

LIGHTS, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The cost of lighting the building during the year has been $1,245.35 against $1,302.97 for 1890—a decrease of $57.62.

Information regarding the Library buildings and fixtures may be obtained by referring to the report of the Executive Committee.

FINANCES.

The details of income and of payments made during the year are given in the reports of the Treasurers of the Boards of Trustees and Directors. A comparison of receipts and expenses gives the following result:

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, and sundries		$10,703 35
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account income, etc.	9,641 66	
Loan on account Reading Room Library	5,000 00	
Total		$25,345 01
Actual expenses during the year	23,732 36	
Leaving a balance of		$1,612 65

SPECIAL LIBRARY OF REFERENCE IN THE READING ROOM.

At a meeting of the Directors held last Spring, it was proposed to make some changes in the Reading Room by which its attractiveness might be increased. The high racks whereon the newspaper files had been displayed, were considered unsightly, and it was thought that hand-files, which could be hung up when not in use, would be more convenient, and that by substituting tables for the racks more space and a greater degree of comfort could be secured for members.

It was also suggested that it would be well to have a selection of the best books near at hand, where readers could have direct access to them and the opportunity of examining them at leisure.

The improvements discussed at that time have since been effected, and the electric lights have been readjusted to conform with the alterations made. Book cases seven feet high have been built around the walls of the western portion of the room, with capacity for 6,000 volumes. About half this number has been purchased—a few being supplied from the duplicate stock in the circulating department of the Library. The books in this collection are given a special label, which states that their use is restricted to the reading room.

The classification of this collection is at present as follows:

Biography	463	Volumes.
Books for the Young	207	"
Church History and Theology	147	"
Drama	75	"
Education	33	"
English Essays and Literature	137	"
Fiction	470	"
Fine Arts	97	"
History	376	"
Philosophy	81	"
Poetry	144	"
Political and Social Science and Government	64	"
Science and the Useful Arts	178	"
Travels, etc	275	"
Total	2,747	"

The books selected for this special Library are works of acknowledged merit in the various departments of literature represented; and their daily use by a large number of readers has demonstrated that the plan of placing them there in a part of the building where they are directly accessible to all our members, has met with very general approval.

It is believed that the books withdraw considerable attention from the newspapers to themselves. Many people like the privilege of "browsing" and of examining books at the shelves; and whenever a book in this collection is desired for home reading, a duplicate of it can be obtained in the circulating department on the second floor.

SPECIAL WORK.

Aside from the ordinary routine work of the Library, some items may be worthy of mention.

The selection and purchase of 2,700 volumes for the Reading Room Library have required careful consideration, and have occupied considerable time. A shelf inventory of this collection has still to be made, and the books have yet to be given shelf numbers. Some work has been done in the arrangement and listing of unbound periodicals in the stock rooms on the upper floors of the Library.

The slip-list of pamphlets and maps has been continued to date, a special list having been made of maps of the United States Geological Survey. Nine volumes have been added to the Library of newspaper clippings, making a total of 65 volumes. An index to the four volumes of poetical quotations in this collection has also been made. At the suggestion of Dr. L. P. Brockett, of this city, an attempt has been made to form a special collection of literature descriptive of the treatment of the insane and idiotic in State and private asylums. Several of these institutions have responded by donating copies of their annual reports and other treatises on the subject.

The slip-list of Fairy Tales and Folk-Lore has been completed. It forms a total of 6,000 slips, of which 5,919 are devoted to title entries. In this work 483 volumes have been indexed and their contents analyzed.

THE PROPOSED FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library, held on February 23, 1892, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Directors of the Brooklyn Library note with gratification the suggestion of Mayor Boody in his message looking toward the establishment of a Free Public Library system for the City of Brooklyn, and that a committee of three be appointed to convey the resolution to the Mayor."

At the same meeting the President and Vice-President of the Board, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee, were appointed as representatives of the Directors to call upon the Mayor of our city, and to assure him of the readiness of the Brooklyn Library to co-operate with him in securing the establishment of a Free Library suited to the needs of Brooklyn.

While the Directors of the Brooklyn Library have expressed their personal interest in the enterprise proposed by the Mayor's first message, and hope to see it successfully carried forward, they are unanimous in thinking that it would be neither wise nor practicable to identify the interests of the Brooklyn Library with those of the proposed Free Library.

The Directors believe that our organization has a work of its own to do, whose importance would be heightened by the establishment of free libraries. Our Librarian reports that the increase in the number of our readers during the past two years may be traced, in part, to the influences already exerted by the free libraries of the Pratt Institute, and of the Union for Christian Work. Moreover, the constantly advancing instruction given in the great schools of Brooklyn, and the impulse given to studiousness by the methods of the Brooklyn Institute, are bringing more numerous and more constant readers to our collection of books.

Our Library is adapted to the wants of studious readers. It is not likely to lose pre-eminence in that distinction. We offer opportunities and privileges which could not be granted under the administration of a free library, and we offer them to a class of readers whose interests would not otherwise be served.

The policy of your Board of Directors favors more generous appropriations than have been available heretofore for distinctively scholarly books. Fortunately our increasing revenues are favorable to that policy. Our income from investments during this year will amount to about twelve thousand dollars, and we are told by the Trustees that we may count upon fifteen thousand dollars from that source for 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUMAN J. BACKUS,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer*, *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1891		$977 05
Initiation Fees	$519 00	
Dues	9,690 23	
		10,209 23
Trustees: Current Income of the		
Alex. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	6,500 00	
		9,400 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of books from current purchases		241 66
Phonography Class		363 32
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		116 80
Loan—Brooklyn Trust Co		5,000 00
Sundries—Profit on Books bought, etc		14 00
		$26,322 06

Books (Music incl.)	$6,451 38	
Less amount from Books sold	52 34	
		$6,399 04
Binding		811 00
Periodicals	1,411 43	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	20 65	
		1,390 78
Salaries		9,207 86
Light	$1,353 01	
Less amount refunded by Royal Insurance Co	107 66	
	1,245 35	
Fuel	537 00	
Building and Fixtures	1,108 45	
Janitor and Care of Building	1,300 26	
		4,191 06
Bulletins and Catalogues	339 65	
Stationery and Printing	405 83	
Advertising	149 67	
		895 15
Delivery to Branches	196 00	
Sundries	111 77	
Interest and Discount Library Notes	529 70	
		837 47
		$23,732 36
Balance March 1, 1892		2,589 70
		$26,322 06

(No unpaid bills.)

REPORT OF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Executive Committee, to whom is entrusted the care of the rentable property of the Library, submit their Annual Report for the year ending 1st March, 1892, as follows:

The gross receipts from rents have been, as per Treasurer's Report, $13,362.

The vacancies during the year have been of the rental value of $500.

All rents have been collected.

Beyond the ordinary expenses for current repairs, there have been special expenditures for betterment, amounting in all to $2,400, for the following:

Putting iron columns in Reading Room and making necessary changes in connection therewith.

New inner vestibule to West office on first story of the Library Building.

The basement and second story of No. 201 Montague street have been renovated at the expense of the tenants.

On the whole, the buildings owned by the Library are in better condition than they were a year ago, but the higher rents we are receiving are going to require a higher order of maintenance in order to keep our tenants satisfied, and to meet the competition of more modern buildings.

For the ensuing year a number of small betterments and unusual repairs are in contemplation, as follows:

No. 193 MONTAGUE STREET.

Improving steam heating on *first* story	$60 00
Third story, repainting, etc	60 00
Roof, new skylight and repairs	20 00
Roof, patent chimney caps	30 00

LIBRARY BUILDING, BASEMENT.

Renovating water closets	$150 00
Painting office	30 00
New wire door at head of stairs	20 00
Steam heating, repairs and wrapping	100 00
First story, new transom in Royal Insurance Co. office	30 00
Second story, new water closet and wash room	125 00
Third story, new dressing room	25 00

201 MONTAGUE STREET, CELLAR.

New posts and girder under safe	$40 00
Basement, relaying area	40 00
Second story, repairs to stairs	20 00
Various other repairs	200 00
Due architect	450 00
	$1,400 00

The estimate of the income from the invested property of the Library for the ensuing year is as follows:

Gross rentals		$14,300
(Rental value of offices vacant, $700)		
Less outlay for betterments, ½ of $1,400 above	$700 00	
Outlay repairs, ½ of $1,400 above	700 00	
Gas, water and insurance	350 00	
Agent's commission, 2½	350 00	
		$2,100
Net amount to go to Directors		$12,200

For the following year, the gross rentals, on basis of present values, will be about $16,000, and the net income from same about $15,000.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. WHITE,

Chairman Executive Committee of Trustees of Brooklyn Library.

BROOKLYN, March 10th, 1892.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 29, 1892.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Balance February 28, 1891			$710 54
Bequest from the Estate of the late Isaac H. Frothingham			1,000 00
Return premium, Fire Insurance			2 17
Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street			4,250 01
" " of No. 201 Montague Street			4,782 51
" " of No. 152 Pierrepont Street			800 04
" " of Library Building			3,530 00
Interest allowed on Balances			13 77
			$15,089 04
Dr. Insurance for three years	$534 85		
Repayment on account of loan at Brooklyn Trust Co.	1,000 00		
Interest on the above Loan	110 10		
Interest on the Mortgage to the Trustees of the Cary Fund	250 00		
Alterations and Repairs to No. 193 Montague Street	323 51		
" " " to No. 201 Montague Street	533 67		
" " " to Library Building	2,528 97		
" " " to No. 152 Pierrepont Street	36 00		
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz:			
Income of White Fund	$1,500 00		
" of Martin Fund	600 00		
" of Wood Fund	500 00		
" of Cary Bequest	300 00		
" of General Fund	6,500 00		
		9,400 00	
			14,717 10
Balance, February 29, 1892			$371 94

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected			$4,250 01
Less Disbursements as follows, viz.:			
Gas	$70 33		
Water Rates	24 00		
Insurance	13 33		
Commission	106 25		
General Repairs	122 93		
		336 84	
Balance, being Net Income			$3,913 17

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$4,782 51
Less Disbursements as follows, viz. :		
Gas	$2 50	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	13 33	
Commission	119 56	
General Repairs, balance	237 61	
		397 00
Balance, being Net Income		$4,385 51

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$800 04
Less Disbursements as follows, viz. :		
Water Rates	$16 00	
Insurance	3 44	
Commission	20 00	
Interest on Mortgage	250 00	
		289 44
Balance, being Net Income		$510 60

LIBRARY BUILDING.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,530 00
Less Disbursements as follows, viz.:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Insurance on building	66 67	
Commissions	75 00	
General Repairs, balance	161 97	
		345 64
Balance, being Net Income		$3,184 36

During the current year a considerable expenditure has been made in the completion of the changes begun in the previous year, the result of which has been a further distinct betterment of the property, more particularly the Library Building proper, in which the substitution of iron for the original wooden columns on the main story, has been an improvement of lasting value. The actual value of these betterments has been arbitrarily fixed at the sum of $2,400—an amount considerably within the actual outlay, and the valuation of the Library Building has been increased by the sum of $2,250—and that of No. 201 Montague street by the sum of $150. Corresponding with this action the General Fund has been enlarged $2,400, the amount taken from the General Income. By the payment of a bequest of $1,000 from the estate of the late Isaac H.

Frothingham, the General Fund has received a further increase, and now aggregates $42,689.39. The amount of the above bequest was applied in reduction of the loan from the Brooklyn Trust Company, the balance of which now stands at $1,000.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street		$3,913 17
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		4,385 51
	" " " No. 152 Pierrepont Street		510 60
	" " " Library Building		3,184 36
	Balance of account, February 28, 1891		710 54
			$12,704 18
Dr.	Insurance account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures	$80 79	
	Interest account, being balance	96 33	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors for income of special Funds $2,900 00		
	For income of general Funds 6,500 00		
		9,400 00	
	Transferred to General Fund, as representing the contribution of General Income to betterment	2,400 00	
			$11,977 12
	Balance, February 29, 1892		$727 06

The balance of the General Income Account has been partly retained by the Trustees in anticipation of certain unpresented bills, and is partly represented by the advance made upon the fire insurance premium account.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$371 94	
Insurance Premium account	355 12	
Investment account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate, Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		42,689 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loan from Brooklyn Trust Company		1,000 00
Mortgage on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income account		727 06
	$269,164 95	$269,164 95

The insurance against fire upon the property of the Library remains as at the date of the last Trustees' report, and is as follows:

On Library Building	$80,000 00
Books, etc	90,000 00
Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500 00
No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 293 Montague Street	20,000 00
No. 152 Pierpont Street	5,550 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 10, 1892.

REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund" I beg to report, as required by the terms of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, at five per cent.

At the date of last year's report, there remained an unexpended balance with the Trustees of $1.51 of income; there has since been received a full year's interest, of $250.00; there has also been expended in the purchase of books, which have been selected from the current purchases of the Library, and duly marked and recorded as gifts to the Library from the Fund, the sum of $241.66, represented by 41 volumes; and there remains on hand $9.85 of unexpended income.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 26, 1892.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

During the past year work in the Library has been done under favoring conditions. The Librarian, his assistants, and those who use our books have been free from the annoyances which beset them while the extensive repairs of two years ago, and the more recent arrangement of the Library in the Reading Room were under way. The improvements have served the convenience and pleasure of our readers, and they have attracted many who had not been acquainted with the resources of the Library.

In the last annual report it was stated that the increasing revenues would make it possible for the Board of Directors to enlarge our collection of distinctively scholarly books. The monthly publication of lists of books added to our Catalogue, and the semi-annual bulletins, issued for the convenience of our members, have given evidence that the purpose then announced has been carried out. Many costly books have been placed on our shelves. While the total number of volumes added is but a slight increase upon the accessions of the previous year, the average cost per volume has been significantly advanced.

Plans to secure a more compact shelving of the one hundred and seventeen thousand (117,000) volumes of the Library, and of the large anticipated increase, are having

the consideration of the Board of Directors. Should these plans be found practicable improvements in the safe-keeping of books, in their accessibility, and in their expeditious delivery will be secured.

The following pages are transcribed from the Annual Report of the Librarian:

BOOKS.

The total number of volumes purchased during the year ending March 1, 1893, for the Circulating and Reference Departments was 2,807, being one hundred and forty-eight volumes more than last year. No further additions have been made to the Reading Room library, but to the Main Library the best books of the year in the English language, have been supplied, as well as a number of musical works, and over 100 volumes by noted writers in the French language. The following is a classified table of additions:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1892.	Additions, 1892–'93.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1892–'93.	Net additions, 1892–'93.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1893.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	17,285	886	5	881	18,166
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	6,860	164	1	163	7,023
Science and Industrial Arts	8,803	420	4	416	9,219
Biography	8,462	278	4	274	8,736
Natural History	2,318	84	1	83	2,401
Fine Arts	4,156	148		148	4,304
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,247	22		22	2,269
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	4,030	130	3	127	4,157
Political, Social and Economic Science	6,231	244	2	242	6,473
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	7,120	252	3	249	7,369
Fiction	23,182	1,159	50	1,109	24,291
Foreign Languages	9,625	107	2	105	9,730
Bound Periodicals	7,929	200	12	188	8,117
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	5,003	429	18	411	5,414
Total	113,251	4,523	105	4,418	117,669

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			113,251
Additions by purchase		2,807	
Additions by donations		1,523	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets		188	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries		5	
		4,523	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	53		
Deduct volumes sold	23		
Deduct volumes exchanged, etc.	29		
		105	
			4,418
Total			117,669
Books bought during the year			2,807
Additions by binding			188
Total			2,995
Books purchased amount in cash to			$3,876 35
Books bound amount in cash to			950 10
Total expended for books			$4,826 45

Average cost per volume of books purchased, $1.38.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 812.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 164.
Number of books repaired in Library during year, 1,972.
Number of books covered and lettered during year, 17,343.

A larger number of expensive works than usual has been bought this year, as may be noticed by the increased average cost per volume. A list of some of the notable additions is as follows:

Allen—Great Cathedrals of the World, 2 vols.
Appleton's Applied Mechanics.
Audsley—Practical Decorator.
Blake—Works, 3 vols.
Clouet—Castle Howard Collection of Portraits, 2 vols.
Cincinnati (Institution of the).
Corner and Soderholtz—Colonial Architecture of New England.
Corner and Soderholtz—Colonial Architecture of Maryland.
Crafts—Pioneers of America, 2 vols.
Dana—Mineralogy, new ed.
Foster—Encyclopedic Medical Dictionary, vols. 1-3.

Gould—History of Freemasonry, 6 vols.
Guernsey—Cyclopedia of Manufacturers of the United States.
Harper—English Pen Artists.
Harrisse—North America.
Hudson River Valley Atlas.
Julian—Dictionary of Hymnology.
Keating—Diseases of Children, 4 vols.
Litchfield—History of Furniture.
Low—Her Majesty's Navy, 3 vols.
Meyer—Life of Correggio.
Monuments of Art.
Newman (Cardinal). Life by Abbott.
Powell—Volunteer Officers in the Civil War, 2 vols.
Perrot and Chipiez—History of Art, 2 vols.
Petrie, *and others*—Recent Explorations in Egypt, 12 vols.
Racinet—Le Costume Historique, 6 vols.
Rand, McNally & Co.—Indexed Atlas of the World.
Richardson—Her Majesty's Army, 2 vols.
Sargent—Silva of North America, vol. 4.
Smith—American Illustrators.
Sternberg—Bacteriology.
Szarvas and Simony—Dictionary of the Hungarian Language. vols. 1 2.
Tryon—Manual of Conchology, vols. 7 and 13.
Watt—Dictionary of Chemistry, vol. 3.
White—Cyclopedia American Biography, vols. 1, 2.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received, since the last report, from three hundred and eighty-seven donors 1,230 volumes, 1,552 pamphlets, and 6,275 numbers of periodicals and transactions of societies. There have been received from the Public Department at Washington 256 volumes of public documents and official reports.

Some especially noteworthy gifts are from the following donors:

Mr. R. R. Bowker, 43 volumes.
Dr. L. Brenner, 20 volumes.
Mr. J. S. Brown, 13 volumes.
Mr. C. R. Buckley, 21 volumes.
Hon. A. C. Chapin, 68 volumes.
Mr. C. P. Dewey, 9 volumes.
Mr. R. D. Dodge, 28 volumes.
Mr. E. E. Ford, 16 volumes.

Mr. Theodore Frothingham, 50 volumes.
Col. John Hamilton, U. S. A., 28 volumes.
Mrs. C. Henry, 14 volumes.
Mr. C. H. Hunt, 55 volumes.
Mrs. M. L. Huntington, 20 volumes.
Mr. C. S. S. Lennox, 17 volumes.
Miss A. V. Lott, 16 volumes.
Mr. C. A. Montgomery, 15 volumes.
Mr. E. P. Robbins, 11 volumes.
Mr. E. P. Sanford, 25 volumes.
Dr. C. M. Shepherd, 7 volumes.
Mr. Charles M. Skinner, 17 volumes.
Miss E. L. Snow, 31 volumes.
Miss M. Titcomb, 103 volumes.
Mr. F. A. Ward, 1 volume.
Mr. William A. White, 33 volumes.
Mr. J. W. Wood, 7 volumes.
Mrs. E. S. Woodward, 69 volumes.

From the daily newspapers of Brooklyn, bound volumes of the *Citizen*, *Daily Eagle*, *Daily Times* and *Standard-Union*.

From the Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, 8 volumes of *The Bible Work*.

From the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg, 14 volumes.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 11 volumes.

From the United States Census Office, Washington, Nos. 1–350 of the 11th Census bulletin (1890-93); of which a classified index has been prepared.

LIST OF DONORS, 1892–93.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Albany Medical College		3	
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
——— Library Association	1	6	1
——— Metrological Association		4	
Anthony (*Miss*)	4		196
Archer (*Miss*)	3		
"Arena" Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.	1		
Astor Library		2	
Baker (E.)	1		
Ballou (M. M.)	1		

	Vols	Pamphl.	Nos.
Bancroft History Company	1		
Bardwell (W. A.)	1		1
Betts (C. L.)	1		
Boston Athenæum		1	1
——— Public Library			4
Bowdoin College		1	3
Bowker (R. R.)	43	244	27
Bremer (*Dr.* L.)	20	1	
Brewerton (*Col.* G. D.)		2	
Brill (E. J.)		2	
Brooklyn (City of) *Art Association*		2	
——— *Board of Education*	1		
——— *Board of Elections*	2		
——— *Citizen*	4		
——— *City Mission*		2	
——— *Daily Eagle*	5	2	
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Institute*	3	4	
——— *Life*			26
——— *Mayor's Office*	6	4	
——— *Packer Institute*	6		
——— *Philharmonic Society*		2	
——— *Pratt Institute*		2	6
——— *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children*		4	
——— *Standard-Union*	9		
Brown (J. S.)	13	49	303
Buckley (C. R.)	21	2	985
Bursch (D. F. W.)	1		
Butler (J. G.)	10		
California Home for Feeble Minded Children			4
Chapin (A. C.)	67	74	60
"Christian Science" Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.			2
Cincinnati Mercantile Library Association		2	
——— Public Library		2	7
Cleveland (O.) Public Library		2	
"Collector" (The), N. Y. City			4
Columbus (O.) Public Library		2	
Commissioners of Statutory Revision, Albany, N. Y	4		
Connecticut State Bureau of Labor	1		
Cornell University		2	3
Denver (Col.) Public Library			11
Dewey (C. P.)	9	5	9
Dickinson (E. B.)	1	1	
Dodd (E.)	14		200
Dodge (R. D.)	28	6	
"Doings" Publishing Company, Brooklyn			3
Doughty (F. W.)	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Dunnell (*Mrs.* J. W)			197
Ellinwood (T. J.)	4		
Ellis (*Dr.* J.)		3	
Farm Trust and Loan Company, Portland, Ore		1	1
Farrington (C. E.)	1		1
Farrington (W. D.)	2	13	1
Fletcher Free Library		2	
Foote (A. E.)			2
Ford (E. E.)	16		
Franklin Trust Company, Brooklyn		2	
Frothingham, (I.)	1		
Frothingham (J. H.)	3		
Frothingham, (T.)	50		
Fulton (H.)	1	1	
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City		2	1
Gibbes (*Miss* E. O.)	1	1	
Gibson (W. H.)	3		
Griswold (W. M.)			2
Gunnison (H. F.)	2		
Hagar (G. G.)			2
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	28		8
Harper (F. P.)			2
Harrison (G.)	1		
Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary		2	3
Harvard Astronomical Observatory		1	4
——— University	2	2	
——— Library		1	6
Henry (*Mrs.* C.)	14		
Holmes (*Miss* F. O.)			12
Homans Publishing Company, N. Y. City		4	1
Hunt (C. H.)	55	33	1,297
Huntington (*Mrs.* M. L.)	20	262	112
Hurd (J. C.)	3	2	
"International Bookseller," N. Y. City			2
Jersey City Free Public Library			9
Johns Hopkins University		2	1
Kaviratna (A. C.)		2	3
Konvalinka (J. G.)		1	2
Latto (J. B.)	2	1	
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library			4
Lazelle (*Miss* M.)			56
Leffingwell (A. T.)	1		
Lennox (*Miss* C. C.)			24
Lennox (C. S. S.)	17	40	541
Le Plongeon (*Dr.* A.)		4	
"Literary North-West." St. Paul, Minn			3
Livingstone (——.)	1		
Long Island Diocese, Garden City, N. Y		2	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Long Island Historical Society		5	
Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library		1	9
Lothian (J.)	2		
Lott (*Miss* A. V.)	15		
Low (A. A.)	1		
Lowell (Mass.) City Library		2	
Lynde (C. H.)	2		
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Mackenzie (*Mrs.* H.)	2		
Manchester (Eng.)		2	
Manchester (N. H.) City Library		2	
Manvel (C.)			63
Martin (C. C.)	1	6	
Marvin (E. R.)			16
Massachusetts State Board of Education	1		
——— Bureau of Labor	2		
——— ——— Library	1		
May (*Mrs.* C. W.)	4		
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		3	
Minneapolis (Minn,) Public Library	1	5	1
Minnesota Geological Survey	1	1	
——— Historical Society	1	1	
Miscellaneous	22	102	159
Moffatt (G. B.)	1		
"Monist" Office, Chicago		1	1
Montgomery (C. A.)	15	2	8
Morgan (J. L.)	1		
Moulton (D. S.)		2	
Mount Holyoke Alumni Association	1		
Mulertt (H.)			2
National Veteran Tariff Reform League		4	
"Newsdealers' Bulletin," N. Y. City			2
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		1	11
New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library	1	2	
Newcomb Memorial College, La	1		
New Hampshire State Library	2		
New Jersey Bureau of Labor	2		
——— State Department	2	62	2
——— Library	3		
New York, Ontario and Western Railway		15	
New York (City) *Association of the Bar*	1		
——— *Board of Trade*	1	2	
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	1
——— *N. Y. Historical Society*	2		
——— *N. Y. Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
——— (State) *Railroad Commissioners*	2		
——— *State Department*	4		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
New York (State) *State Insurance Department*	3		
——— *Library*	4		2
——— *University*		7	10
Noyes (J. B.)	1	1	
Oates (*Hon.* W. C.)			3
Ohio State Board of Agriculture		1	2
Oneida Historical Society			6
Peabody Education Fund	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore	1		
Peck (W.)			5
Pennsylvania State Library	14	1	
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library		2	
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library*		2	
——— *Library Company*		2	1
——— *Mercantile Library*		3	6
Pinkerton Detective Agency, N. Y. City	1		
Pope (*Col.* A. A.)		2	
" Postal Record," N. Y. City			4
Providence (R. I.) Public Library		2	
Raum (G. E.)	1		
Raymond (*Dr.* J. H.)		2	
" Reader " Office, Cambridge, Mass.			5
Reed (F. R.)	1		
Reinwald (C.)			14
Robbins (E. P.)	11		
Rochester (N. Y.) Chamber of Commerce	1		
Rodman (T. H.)			135
Rogouski (*Mrs.* O.)	1	6	37
Royal Society, London, England			9
Saint Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library	1	2	
——— Public Library		3	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		3	12
Sandy (B. H. C.)	1		
Sanford (E. P.)	25		152
Sanger (W. C)	1	32	389
Shellman (H. T.)			75
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)	7	2	
Skelton (J. A.)	1		1
Skinner (C. M.)	17	119	20
Slocum (F.)			2
Smith (H. B.)		8	92
Smithsonian Institution	11	5	2
Snow (*Miss* M. E.)	41	1	11
Society for the Study of Inebriety			3
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	11
Sunset Club, Chicago	1		
Terquem (E)			12
Thwing (*Dr.* E. P.)		2	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Titcomb (*Miss* M.)	102		
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		3	
Tratman (E. R.)		2	
Tredwell (D. M.)	1		
Tucker (C.)			14
Tufts College, Mass.		2	
United States Government	256	76	627
University of Chicago			3
——— Vermont		2	
Vanderveer (*Miss* K.)			36
Ward (F. A.)	1		
Wesleyan University		1	1
White (A. T.)	2	7	1
White (W. A.)	33	40	24
Whitlock (E. J.)	1		
Whittemore (H.)	1		
Wintringham (C. V.)	1		
Wisconsin State Historical Society		2	
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania		2	
Wood (J. W.)	7	9	18
Woodward (*Mrs.* E. S.)	69	1	
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago		28	65
Yale University		6	
Totals	1,230	1,435	6,328
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MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

The Pamphlet collection, exclusive of duplicates, now numbers 10,200—1,550 having been added during 1892–93. These are arranged by subjects, following the general classification of the Library catalogue, and their use is made practicable by means of a slip-list, arranged both by authors and subjects.

A notable contribution to the map collection has been made by the United States Coast Survey. It consists of a collection of 171 maps and charts of the coast of the United States from Maine to Alaska. A catalogue published by the Department accompanies the charts.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

But few additions have been made to the collection of newspaper clippings since the last report. There are now 67 volumes of clippings of local and general interest and their use is very considerable.

The Society of Old Brooklynites last fall deposited in our Library six elephant folio volumes of pictorial scrap books, which are very interesting and have been examined by many of our members. The collection is an elegant one and is very carefully mounted. It consists of several thousand pictures and engravings and contains many portraits of distinguished personages. The pictures were collected and mounted by Dr. Nellie M. Flint, a grand-daughter of Captain David Morris of the prison ship "Jersey."

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books in 1892, as compared with 1891, was as follows:

	1891. Volumes.	1892. Volumes.
First Quarter	29,023	28,112
Second Quarter	25,015	23,853
Third Quarter	17,593	16,398
Fourth Quarter	25,577	25,101*
Total	97,208	93,464

DUPLICATES.

Number of Volumes on hand March 1, 1892	2,584
Net additions, 1892–93	293
Total number of Volumes now on hand for sale or exchange	2,877

BULLETINS.

In December, 1892, Bulletin No. 30 was issued, consisting of 2,000 titles, selected from additions to the Library since December, 1891. This Bulletin contains also a special list of Music, and of works in the French language, recently added. In February, 1893, Bulletin No. 31 was printed, containing all additions of new books to date and a selection from the older titles not previously published.

These bulletins were widely distributed among our subscribers and throughout the city generally.

The Card catalogue is kept complete, all additions being written up and incorporated as fast as the books come in.

The weekly lists of additions to the Library are displayed in the Delivery Room and in the Reference Hall, and are, with unvarying courtesy, published in the local newspapers, whose kindly interest in the welfare of the Library we gratefully acknowledge.

READING ROOM.

This room has continued to be a favorite place of resort, its use having been fully equal to that of former years. The Special Library of Reference has been in constant

* Including 242 volumes circulated from the shelves of the Bensonhurst Branch

request. It has been found to be a popular and attractive feature and has been highly appreciated by our readers.

The Sunday attendance for the 43 afternoons, from March, 1892, to March, 1893, was:

Ladies	288
Gentlemen	3,381
Total	3,669

The room is open on Sundays from 2 to 6 P. M., excepting Sundays in July and August. The largest attendance was 142 on April 3, 1892; smallest 41, on September 4, 1892. Average, 85.3.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Some very important works have been placed in this room, a few of which may be mentioned:

Haydn—Dictionary of Dates, 20th ed.
Foster—Illustrated Encyclopedic Medical Dictionary, vols. 1-3.
Rand, McNally & Co.—Indexed Atlas of the United States, folio, 1892.
Racinet—Le Costume Historique, 6 vols., folio.

The use of this Department is constant and increasing. The Librarian or his assistants will be glad to give their time and help to those who require it in the pursuit of their researches. The bulletins of the United States Census of 1890 are now frequently found useful for reference.

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered in 1892 at the branch stations was 5,728. Branch No. 9, formerly established at the drug store of Dr. D. J. Pierce, Halsey street and Stuyvesant avenue, was discontinued last fall owing to change of proprietorship in the business.

This station is now at the pharmacy of Dr. J. E. Rohrer, Sumner avenue, corner Decatur street.

A new station was opened in September last at Bensonhurst, L. I., with the co-operation of citizens of that place, who provide a reading-room and an attendant. The Library furnishes 750 selected volumes to be kept on the shelves in

this room, and a number of the leading magazines are kept on file. Exchanges of books are made several times a week, if required, from the Main Library. This reading-room is open afternoons and evenings, and is an attractive resort in this pleasant suburb.

Considerable business has been done in the delivery of books at the residences of members, at the usual charge of five cents for each delivery at locations not more than a mile from the Library.

LIGHT, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The total cost of lighting the building from March 1, 1892, to February 28, 1893, has been $1,336.54 against $1,245.35 for 1891, an increase of $91.19.

The report of the Executive Committee gives information regarding the Library building and furniture.

CLASSES.

The classes in Phonography and Typewriting conducted by Prof. T. J. Ellinwood, on the third floor of the Library building, have furnished an income of $360.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership during the year have been $10,373.94,

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1893)	1,661
Extra annual subscriptions at $5.00 (to March 1, 1893)	363
Life members by payment of $100	515
Life members (original Athenæum subscriptions)	37
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	282
Total membership on March 1, 1893	2 858
Total membership on March 1, 1892	2,856

Since our last report the following deaths have occurred: *Life Members*—Rev. Edw. C. Bill, D. D., Henry J. Callen, Ellis B. Cromwell, Samuel B. Duryea, Rev. Frederick C. Farley, D. D., Samuel McLean, Thomas H. Rodman, Sr.,

Thomas H. Rodman, Jr. *Permanent Members*—Calvin B. Camp, Stephen H. Herriman, Mrs. Maria T. Polhemus, Abiel A. Low.

FINANCES.

The details of income and of expenses during the year are given in the reports of the Treasurers of the Boards of Trustees and Directors. The following result is shown by a comparison of receipts and expenditures for the year:

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, and sundries	$10,902 84
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account income, etc.	12,648 10
Total	$23,550 94
Actual expenses during the year	21,877 53
Leaving a balance of	$1,673 41

The Directors have pleasure in noting facts indicative of the increasing usefulness of the Library, and of the interest taken in its work by citizens who have recently contributed to the enlargement of its resources. Our Reference Library has been frequented by many readers who wish to pursue their researches where books are most accessible. There has been an unusual number of applications for the privilege of using alcoves of the Library for undisturbed hours of study. Students from the higher schools of the city, in steadily increasing numbers, are making use of our Reference Library. There have been valuable contributions of books from citizens who are interested in promoting the efficiency of our work.

Since the last annual report was published, the Directors have been notified that bequests were made to the Library by two of its late members, Mr. Samuel B. Duryea and Mr. James Haggart.

TRUMAN J. BACKUS,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer.* *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1892		$2,589 70
Initiation Fees	$505 00	
Dues	9,868 94	
		10,373 94
Trustees: Current Income of the		
Alex. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	9,500 00	
		12,400 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		248 10
Phonography Class		360 00
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		82 55
Sundries—Profit on Books bought, interest, etc.		14 00
		$26,140 64

Books	$3,876 35		
Less amount from Books sold	24 85		
			$3,851 50
Binding			950 10
Periodicals	1,337 52		
Less amount from Periodicals sold	81 46		
			1,256 06
Salaries			8,919 36
Light	$1,346 66		
Less amount refunded by Royal Insurance Co	10 12		
		1,336 54	
Fuel		572 25	
Buildings and Fixtures		583 17	
Janitor and care of Building		1,306 50	
			3,798 46
Bulletins and Catalogues		463 90	
Stationery and Printing		609 82	
Advertising		223 04	
			1,296 76
Delivery to Branches		210 31	
Sundries		161 43	
Interest and Discount Library Notes		433 55	
			805 29
Bills Payable (Decrease)			1,000 00
			$21,877 53
Balance March 1, 1893			4,263 11
			$26,140 64

(No unpaid bills.)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 28, 1893.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Balance, February 29, 1892		$371 94
Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street		3,950 01
" " of No. 201 Montague Street		5 898 45
" " of No. 152 Pierrepont Street		966 74
" " of Library Building		3,536 50
Interest allowed on Trust Company balances		19 38
Contribution of tenant towards alterations		150 00
		$14,893 02
Dr. Interest on loan, Brooklyn Trust Company	$16 66	
Interest on mortgage loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund.	250 00	
Expense Account, No. 193 Montague Street	674 51	
" " No. 201 Montague Street	450 46	
" " No. 152 Pierrepont Street	40 17	
" " Library Building	992 24	
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz:		
Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00	
" of the Martin Fund	600 00	
" of the Wood Fund	500 00	
" of the Cary Bequest	300 00	
" of the General Fund	9,500 00	
	12,400	
		14,824 04
Balance, February 28, 1893		$68 98

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,950 01
Less Disbursements as follows, viz:		
Gas	$72 65	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	13 33	
Commission	98 75	
Architect's Fees	300 00	
Janitor's Services	50 00	
General Repairs	129 11	
		687 84
Balance, being Net Income		$3,262 17

The Architect's fees above, were for work done in the previous year.

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$5,898 45
Less Disbursements as follows, viz:		
Gas	$15 40	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	13 33	
Commission	147 46	
Janitor's Services	50 00	
General Repairs	213 60	
		463 79
Balance, being Net Income		$5,434 66

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$966 74
Less Disbursements as follows, viz:		
Water Rates	$16 00	
Insurance	3 44	
Commission	24 17	
Interest on Mortgage	250 00	
		293 61
Balance, being Net Income		$673 13

Library Building.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,536 50
Less Disbursements as follows, viz:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Insurance on the Building	66 67	
Commission	79 06	
Architect's Fees	150 00	
General Repairs	$721 18	
Less Contribution from Tenant	150 00	
	571 18	
		908 91
Balance, being Net Income		$2,627 59

The Architect's fees above, were for work done in the previous year.

During the current year several alterations have been made in the Library building, increasing the rentable space and securing a corresponding increase in revenue. The changes have not, however, been of a cost sufficient to call for any increase in the stated valuation of the property.

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Balance of the Account, February 29, 1892	$727 06
	Balance of current Interest account	2 72
	Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street	3,262 17
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street	5,434 66
	" " " No. 152 Pierrepont Street	673 13
	" " " Library Building	2,627 59
		$12,727 33

Dr. Insurance account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures, for the current year		$80 79	
Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, viz:			
For Income of the Special Funds	$2,900 00		
" " of the General Fund	9,500 00		
		12,400 00	
			12,480 79
Balance, February 28, 1893			$246 54

The balance of the General Income Account, as above, represents the fire insurance advances and a further trifling amount retained.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$68 98	
Insurance Premium Account	177 56	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		42,689 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loan from Brooklyn Trust Company		1,000 00
Mortgage on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		246 54
	$268,684 43	$268,684 43

The insurance against fire upon the several properties of the Library remains as at the date of the last report, and is as follows:

On Library Building	$80,000 00
On Books, etc	90,000 00
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500 00
On No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550 00

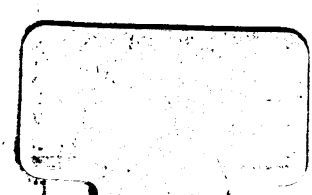
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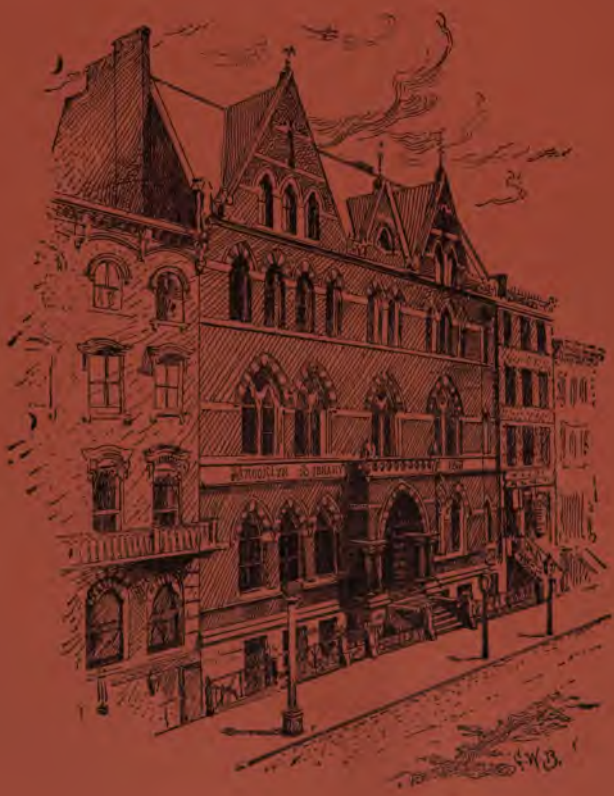
JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
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BROOKLYN, March 16, 1893.

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I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.





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OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

In presenting the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Brooklyn Library, it is gratifying to note that the Institution continues to widen in usefulness and to repeat, this year, the record of steady growth and increased influence which have attended the labors of the directors since its organization.

To invite larger circulation, and to provide better facilities for literary work, it has been decided to make extensive alterations in the building. The Delivery Room will shortly be transferred to the first floor, and other improvements will contribute to the convenience of our members, and permit the efficient Librarian and his staff to render more valuable assistance to readers than has been possible in the past. Some statistics of the Library's growth are presented as follows:

BOOKS.

Of the desirable publications of the year a large part has been received. A number of valuable works have been procured for the Reference Department, one very much needed being the American and English Encyclopædia of Law, 23 volumes of which are now published. The number of volumes purchased during our fiscal year was 2,935, an increase of 128 over last year. The largest number of additions in

any class was, naturally, in the class of Fiction, followed next in the order mentioned by Biography, History, Travels and Science. The following table shows the additions by classes:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1893.	Additions, 1893-'94.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1893-'94.	Net additions, 1893-'94.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1894.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	18,166	869	308	561	18,727
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,023	234	32	202	7,225
Science and Industrial Arts	9,219	520	68	452	9,671
Biography	8,736	321	206	115	8,851
Natural History	2,401	70	21	49	2,450
Fine Arts	4,304	156	3	153	4,457
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,269	53	2	51	2,320
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	4,157	167	32	135	4,292
Political, Social and Economic Science	6,473	200	44	156	6,629
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	7,369	275	55	220	7,589
Fiction	24,291	958	2,011		23,238
Foreign Languages	9,730	31	2	29	9,759
Bound Periodicals	8,117	290	98	192	8,309
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	5,414		2,841		2,573
Total	117,669	4,144	5,723	2,315	116,090

NOTE.—The sale of 2,806 volumes to the library in Danbury, Conn., and the return of 2,799 volumes of duplicate public documents to the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., with other deductions for books worn out, etc., leaves the total number of volumes now on hand, 1,579 less than at the beginning of the year.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			117,669
Additions by purchase		2,935	
Additions by donations		942	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets		219	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries		48	
		4,144	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	37		
Deduct volumes sold	2,848		
Deduct volumes exchanged, etc	39		
Deduct United States documents returned to Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C	2,799		
		5,723	
			1,579
Total			116,090
Books bought during the year			2,935
Additions by binding			219
Total			3,154
Books purchased amount in cash to			$4,030 18
Books bound amount in cash to			690 65
Total expended for books			$4,720 83

Average cost per volume of books purchased, $1.37.3.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 918.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 202.
Number of books repaired in Library during year, 2,558.
Number of books covered and lettered during year 28,127.

The following list shows the titles of a few important works added during the past year:

Appleton—New Library Atlas.
Bromley—Atlas of the City of Brooklyn.
Bromley—Atlas of the 23d and 24th Wards, New York.
Champlin—Music and Musicians, 3 vols.
Chappell—Old English Popular Music, 2 vols.
Hennepin—Louisiana.
Historic Churches of America.
Historical Register of the Continental Army.
Jones (Edw. Burne), Life and works, by M. Bell.
Lippincott—New ed. Gazetteer of the World.
Ogden—The Army of the United States.
Poole and Fletcher—Index to Periodical Literature, 2d Suppl.
Rimmer—Art Anatomy.

Sargent—Silva of North America, vol. 5.
Scribner—Atlas of the World. New ed.
Standard Dictionary (The), vol. 1.
Tryon—Manual of Conchology, vols. 8 and 14.
Women of the Century.
Wood—Hand-book of the Medical Sciences, vol. 9.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received, since the last report, from 415 donors 942 volumes, 1,096 pamphlets and 4,735 numbers of periodicals, Library bulletins and transactions of Societies. By the various Departments at Washington 189 volumes of documents and official reports have been donated.

Some especially acceptable gifts are from the following donors:

Mr. C. R. Buckley, 64 volumes.
Hon. A. C. Chapin, 86 volumes.
Mr. W. D. Farrington, 13 volumes.
Mr. James H. Frothingham, 14 volumes.
Mr. B. W. How, 59 volumes.
Mr. C. C. Martin, 23 volumes.
Miss May, 25 volumes.
Mrs. S. B. Noyes, 10 volumes.
Mr. W. G. Oates, 11 volumes.
Hon. J. E. Reyburn, 32 volumes.
Mr. A. T. White, 26 volumes.
Mr. William A. White, 48 volumes.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers, bound volumes of the *Citizen, Daily Eagle, Daily Times* and *Standard-Union.*

From the Long Island Historical Society, 53 volumes.

From the Hon. Secretary of the State of New York, 34 volumes.

From the Pennsylvania State Library, 38 volumes.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 16 volumes.

LIST OF DONORS, 1893–94.

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Actors' Fund, N. Y. City		3	
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
Balch (E. S.)	1		
Ballou (M. M.)	1		
Banks (O.)			310
Bardleben (*Prof.* K. von)			2
Bibliotheca Publica Municipal, Oporto, Portugal			20
Boston Record Commissioners	1		
Bostwick (*Dr.*)			127
Bowdoin College		2	1
Bradford (E. G.)	1		
Breitkoff & Haertel	1		
Bridgman, (H. L.)	3	10	2
Bronson Library		2	
Brooklyn (City of) *Citizen*	6	1	
——— *Civil Service Commissioners*	1		
——— *Daily Eagle*	5	1	
——— *Daily Times*	2		
——— *Dept. of Finance*	1		
——— *Institute*	3	2	
——— *Mayor's Office*	3		
——— *Packer Collegiate Institute*	1		
——— *Pratt Institute*		2	3
——— *Standard-Union*	2		
Brown (J. S.)	5	4	4
Buckley (C. R.)	64	11	44
Buckley (J. D.)	9		1,190
Bulkley (*Mrs.* J. W.)	9	9	
Carson (J. C., *M. D.*)		2	
Chapin (A. C.)	86	164	9
Chicago Dept. of Public Works	1		
Christian Literature Co., N. Y. City	9		
"Church Militant," N. Y. City			2
Cincinnati Public Library		2	2
Clarendon Press Delegates, Oxford, Eng	1		
Commelin (*Mrs.* A. O.)			2
Concord (N. H.) Board of Education		2	
Cook (*Dr.*)	1	3	906
Cook (Thos.) *and Son*		7	
"Co-operative News and Building Record"	1		3
Cordova (G., de)	1		
Cornell University	1	1	4
Cornwall (H. C.)	1		
Crampton (M. H.)			43
Crichton (J. D.)	1		
Dana (J. C.)			2
Dayton (O.) Public Library		2	

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Deghueé (C. J.)		3	1
Denver (Col.) Public Library			7
Dewey (C. P.)	3	3	69
Dodge (R. D.)			47
Echols (S. A.)	1		
"Eco d'Italia," N. Y. City	1		
Ehrenfechter (C. A.)	1		
Elizabeth (N. J.) Public Library		2	
Farrington (W. D.)	13	21	1
Ferguson (J.)	1		
Field (*Hon. Judge*)	1		
Flower (*Dr.* R. C.)	1	1	
Folwell (A. H.)			11
Frothingham (James H.)	14		
Fulton (H.)	1		
Gloversville (N. Y.) Free Library		2	
Grand Rapids Public Library	1	1	
Green (*Dr.* S. A.)		2	
Gregg (D., *D. D.*)	1		
Griswold (W. M.)			7
Hall (E. H.)	1		
Halton (J. A)	1		
Hamblet (J.)	1	6	220
Hamilton Club	1		
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	2		5
Hamilton (M. R.)	2		
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association		2	1
Harvard Astronomical Observatory	4	2	
——— University		1	3
———————Library		2	6
Helena (Mont.) Public Library			5
Herries (W. T.)	2		
Hiersemann (K.)	1		
Homans Publishing Co., N. Y. City	1		1
Hoepli (U.)	1		
How (B. W.)	59	2	14
Howard Association, London, *Eng*	1	2	
Howard (H. W. B.)	1	24	1
Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics	1		
Indiana Bureau of Statistics	1		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa		60	12
Iowa Geological Survey	1		
Jersey City Free Public Library		2	9
Johnson (*Dr.* H. J.)	5	3	288
Johns Hopkins University		2	
Kaviratna (A. C.)			4
Larison (C. W., *M. D.*)			6
Larkin (T. F.)	1		2

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library		1	4
Le Plongeon (*Dr.* A.)	4	4	3
Linn (W. A.)	5		
"Little Monthly" Co			4
"Literary World," London, Eng.			2
Logan (W. S.)		3	
Long Island Historical Society	53	191	93
"Long Island Philatelist"			12
Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library		1	3
Low (*Mrs.* W. G.)		58	120
"Maine Bugle"			2
Manchester (Eng.) Free Public Library		2	
Martin (C. C.)	23	3	9
Mason (A)	2		8
Massachusetts (State) *Board of Education*	1		
——— *Bureau of Labor*	2		
——— *Library*	1		
Mathews (A.)	1		
May (*Miss*)	25		
Maxwell (W. H.)		2	
Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco, Cal.		2	
Miller (*Lt. Com.* F. A.)			38
Millicent Library (Fairhaven, Mass.)		2	
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library			5
Minneapolis (Minn.) Public Library	1	1	2
Minnesota Historical Society	2		
Miscellaneous	4	15	14
Muir (*Mrs.* W.)	1		
Mulerrt (H.)			3
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		2	7
New England Mutual Life Ins. Co.	1		
——— Society (Brooklyn)		4	
——— Society (N. Y. City)		6	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		3	
New Jersey *Bureau of Statistics of Labor*	2		
——— *State Department*	2	41	3
Newton (*Mass.*) Free Library		2	
New York City *Academy of Sciences*		6	
——— *Mercantile Library Association*		2	1
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
——— *State Chamber of Commerce*	2		
——— *State Department*	34		
——— *State Forest Commission*	2	3	
——— *State Homeopathic Medical Society*	1		
——— *State Library*	1	3	4
——— *State Railroad Commissioners*	2		
——— *State Reformatory*	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
New York and New Jersey Telephone Co.		2	
Noyes (*Mrs.* S. B.)	10		
Oates (W. C.)	11	2	
Omaha and South Texas Land Co		2	
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.		1	3
Palmer (O. E.)	2		
Parsons (J. C.)	1		
Pennsylvania *State Library*	38	3	
——— *State Weather Service*			6
Philadelphia (Pa.) Mercantile Library			3
Poole (M. E.)	1		
Poor (H. V. and H. W.)	1		
Portland (Ore.) Library Association			4
Princeton College, New Jersey	2		
Proctor (L. B.)		2	
Providence (R. I.) Public Library		2	
"Postal Record," N. Y. City			3
Reinwald (C.), *et Cie*			12
Renwick (Hon. A.)	1		
Reyburn (Hon. J. E.)	32		
Reynolds' Library, Rochester, N. Y.		2	
Robbins (*Dr.* N. A.)			7
Robinson (A. A.)	1		
Rothwell (R. S.)	1		
Royal Society of Canada	1		
Royal Society, London, Eng.			12
Saint Joseph (Mo.) Free Public Library		2	3
Saint Louis (Mo.) Public Library		4	
Saint Paul (Minn.) Public Library		2	
Saint Nicholas Society, N. Y. City	1		
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		2	12
San Francisco (Cal.) Mercantile Library		2	
Sanger (W. C.)	3	3	7
Saward (F. E.)	3		
Savage (C. C.)		3	
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		3	
Searight (J. A.)	1		
Shakespeare Memorial Library, Stratford-on-Avon, Eng.		2	
Shortt (W. A.)			6
Shea (*Mrs.* E. J.)	1		
Sizer (*Dr.* N. B.)		4	89
Skilton (J. A.)	1	1	
Slocum (F.)	6	4	
Smith (H. B.)			59
Smithsonian Institution	16	3	17
Society for study of inebriety (London, Eng.)			4
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association		1	12
Sunset Club, Chicago, Ill.	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Swansea (Eng.) Public Library		2	
Tallman (W. M.)			29
Terquem (E.)			11
Thompson (D. G.)	1		
Thompson (E. and Co.)	2		
Thorin (E.)			2
Thwing (*Dr.* E. P.)		2	
Tucker (W. G., *M. D.*)		2	
Tucker (*Capt.* C. C.)			21
Tufts College, Mass.		2	
United States Government	189	83	514
University of Vermont	1	1	
Walker (J. B.)	1		
Ward (F. A.)	1		
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill.			3
Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.		7	
Webb (W. S.)	2		
Welsh (H.)		3	
White (A. T.)	26	16	3
White (G. W.)	3		
White (W. A.)	48	34	34
Wood (J. W.)	8	14	61
Woodhull (Victoria)	1		
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago	1	1	
Yale University		5	
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Donors of 1 Pamphlet		140	
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Grand Totals	942	1,096	4,735

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The following were donors of one *Number* each :

American Journal of Politics, New York City ; *Arena Publishing Co.*, Boston ; *Arizona Magazine Co. ; Black and White*, London, Eng. ; *Board of Trade Journal*, London, Eng. ; *Bohemian Voice*, Omaha, Neb. ; *Bookman*, New York City ; *Book Reviews*, New York City ; Boston (Mass.) Public Library ; Boston Book Co. ; Dr. N. Bruckner ; H. Bush ; G. B. Buzelle ; A. Cammermeyer ; J. B. Campbell ; *Catholic Book News*, New York City ; *Christian Science Journal*, Boston ; C. J. Clark ; *Colorado Magazine*, Denver, Col. ; *Contemporary Publishing Co.*, New York City ; J. G. Cotta ; E. B. Coxe ; *Decorator and Furnisher*, New York City ; F. Deland ; *Drugs, Oils and Paints*, Philadelphia, Pa. ; *Electrical World*, St. Louis, Mo. ; *Encore*, Brooklyn, N. Y. ; *Engineering Review*, New York City ; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md. ; *Epworth Herald*, Chicago, Ill. ; A. E. Foote ; *Free Review*, London, Eng. ; *Gael*, Brooklyn, N. Y. ; General Society of Mechanics' Free Library, New York City ; *Good Government*, New York City ; T. Hodgson, D. D. ; *Humanitarian*, London, Eng. ; *Journal of Geology*, Chicago, Ill. ; J. G. Konvalinka ; *Bt. Col.* H. C. Lockwood ; Macmillan & Co. ; *Manufacturers Record*, Baltimore, Md. ; Minnesota Geological and Natural History Survey ; *Moslem World*, New York City ; *Musical Courier*, New York City ; New York City Academy of Sciences ; Ohio State Board of Agriculture ; *Open Court Publishing Co.*, Chicago, Ill. ; *Paradise of the Pacific*, Honolulu, H. I. ; Philadelphia Apprentices' Library ; Philadelphia Library Co. ; *Philadelphia Times ;* Pratapa Chandra Roy, Calcutta, India ; E. Bouillen, Paris ; *Revue des Livres*, Paris ; Rhode Island Historical Society ; Rochester (N. Y.) Academy of Science ; *Romance Publishing Co.*, New York City ; *Teachers' Guide*, Toledo, Ohio ; University of Pennsylvania ; University of the State of New York ; *Urn*, New York City ; Mrs. C. E. White ; Wm. Wood & Co. ; *World's Fair Electrical Engineering.*

CIRCULATION.

The Book circulation in 1893, as compared with 1892, is shown by the following table :

	1892. Volumes.	1893. Volumes.
First Quarter	28,112	28,434
Second Quarter	23,853	23,925
Third Quarter	16,398	17,595
Fourth Quarter	25,101	25 176
Total	93,464	95,130*

DUPLICATES.

The number of volumes of duplicate books now on hand for sale or exchange (exclusive of U. S. Government Documents), is 1,676.

*Including 493 volumes circulated from the stock of 750 volumes deposited at the Bensonhurst Branch.

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

In December, 1893, the Bulletin of additions usually issued at this time of the year was printed, and 12,000 copies distributed by mail. This Bulletin aggregated 24 pages and contained the titles of some 2,000 books selected from the more important additions of the year, as well as 150 volumes of music which were added last September. 1,096 pamphlets have been acquired, increasing the collection to 11,300. The Card catalogue has been kept complete, new additions being incorporated as received. The weekly lists of additions are posted in the Reference Hall and in the Book Delivery Room, and are published in the local newspapers with uniform courtesy. The edition of the Catalogue of Fiction, published in 1884, has been exhausted and a new edition, giving the new system of self-numbering, is now being prepared for the printer. This Catalogue will be a great convenience, as it will include in one list, by author and title entries, all the works of fiction the Library now owns.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Some useful volumes have been placed in this room, such as:

Appleton's New Library Atlas.
Bromley's Atlases of Brooklyn and of 23d and 24th Wards of New York.
Champlin—Music and Musicians, 3 vols.
Lippincott—New Gazetteer of the World.
Poole and Fletcher—2d Suppl. to Index of Periodical Literature.
Scribner—Atlas of the World. New ed.
The Standard Dictionary, vol. 1.

The use of this department has been large, and it is our desire to make it as useful and helpful as possible to those who frequent it for study and the consultation of works of reference.

READING ROOM.

This room has been largely used, being filled at certain hours to its utmost capacity. The impression seems, at times, to prevail that this part of the library is free to any

and all who may wish to use it. This is not the case. Strangers visiting the city can secure the use of the reading room for a time on the introduction of a member, but the general public cannot be admitted without encroaching upon the rights of regular members. The Sunday attendance for 43 afternoons—March 5 to June 25, 1893, and September 3, 1893, to February 25, 1894, was:

Ladies	218
Gentlemen	3,595
Total	3,813

The largest attendance was 124 on March 12, 1893; the smallest 49 on September 3, 1893; average, 88.6.

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

The number of volumes delivered at the branch stations in 1893 was 5,430. Four of the stations have been discontinued, their patronage not being sufficient to render their maintenance desirable. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Andrews and Manney, Flatbush avenue, cor. Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, cor. St. James place.
L. T. Perkins, 19 Greene avenue, cor. Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, cor. Taylor street.
Bensonhurst Branch and Reading Room, Bensonhurst, L. I.

Exchanges of books are made at residences of members at the usual charge of five cents for each delivery at locations not too far distant from the Library.

CLASSES.

Prof. T. J. Ellinwood has conducted the classes in Phonography and Typewriting on the third floor of the Library building as heretofore.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership during the year have been $10,122.68.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1894)	1,635
Extra annual subscriptions at $5.00 (to March 1, 1894)	330
Life members by payment of $100	503
Life members (original Athenæum subscriptions)	36
Permanent membership by payment of $500	282
Total membership on March 1, 1894	2,786
Total membership on March 1, 1893	2,858

Since our last report the following deaths have occurred: *Life Members*—David R. De Wolf, Horace Waters, George A. Jarvis, James S. Noyes, Wm. B. Leonard, Mrs. O. M. Carhart, Edw. L. Snow, Peter Notman, D. C. Lyall, Mrs. Emily E. Ford, A. A. Hall, Edward Hinken, Miss Caroline Thurston. *Permanent Member*—Benjamin Carver.

MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

The number of pamphlets, not including duplicates, is now 11,296—1,096 having been added since last report. The very valuable series of maps now being published by the United States Geological Survey have been received so far as issued. The sheets belonging to the State of Connecticut have been bound in atlas form by the State Department at Hartford, and are to be seen in our Reference Department.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Since the last report six cases have been added to the collection, viz., one on Balloons and Ballooning, one on Food, two on personal and place Names, and two additional cases in the class of Individual Biography. The collection now contains 73 volumes or cases.

LIGHT, BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The cost of lighting the building from March 1, 1893, to February 28, 1894, has been $1,326.62, against $1,336.54 in 1892, a decrease of $9.92.

FINANCES.

The reports of the Treasurers of the Boards of Trustees and Directors give details of income and expenses. A comparison of receipts and expenditures for the year gives the following result:

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, sundries and donations	$11,335 55
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account income, etc.	10,350 00
Total	$21,685 55
Actual expenses during the year	19,941 27
Leaving a balance of	$1,744 28

The sum of one hundred dollars has recently been received from the executors of the estate of Mr. James Haggart, deceased. This bequest was made in grateful acknowledgment for the many pleasant hours passed by the testator in the Reading and Reference rooms of the Library. It is most gratifying to receive this substantial evidence of appreciation as well as to learn of the kindly sentiments frequently expressed in commendation of our work by an old and respected member.

The financial resources of the Library are not sufficiently ample to provide the proper equipment and facilities for literary work required by the increasing demand upon us. During many years past the directors have been compelled to defer, or but partially complete many needed improvements from lack of funds. The income from the endowments now held by the Trustees is not available for purposes other than those specified in the various bequests, and no portion of the principal may be appropriated for alterations and extensions within the Library building. The cost of contemplated improvements, which will be considerable, should be met by special donations, or by ample endowments, the income of which might be devoted to purposes other than the purchase of books. The past record of the Brooklyn Library, its present important relation as a factor in the educational problem, should successfully appeal to all public-spirited citizens in this great city who have her welfare at heart. The directors earnestly commend the work of the Library to the careful examination and consideration of all interested in liberal education, and ask for a proper financial support of our Institution.

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer.* *In account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1893		$4,263 11
Initiation Fees	$497 00	
Dues	9,625 68	
		10,122 68
Trustees: Current Income of the		
Alex. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	7,450 00	
		10,350 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		248 97
Phonography Class		360 00
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		50 13
Sundries—Profit on Books bought, Interest, etc. (including Donations of $450.00)		553 77
		$25 948 66

Books	$4,030 18	
Less amount from Books sold	585 47	
		$3,444 71
Binding		690 65
Periodicals	1,329 84	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	90 50	
		1,239 34
Salaries		9,000 80
Light	1,326 62	
Fuel	636 64	
Building and Fixtures	499 84	
Janitor and care of Building	1,302 32	
		3,765 42
Bulletin and Catalogue	268 62	
Stationery and Printing	511 19	
Advertising	146 48	
		926 29
Delivery to Branches	148 00	
Sundries	103 81	
Interest and Discount Library Notes	622 25	
		874 06
Paid on account of Loan		2,000 00
		$21,941 27
By Balance		4,007 39
		$25,948 66

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 28, 1894.

Balance, February 28, 1893		$68 98
Bequest from the Estate of James Haggart		100 00
Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street		3,245 00
" " of No. 201 Montague Street		6,260 07
" " of No. 152 Pierrepont Street		833 38
" " of Library Building		1,850 00
Interest allowed on Trust Company balances		11 54
		$12,368 97
Dr. Brooklyn Trust Company, Payment on account of loan.	$100 00	
" " " Interest on loan	62 50	
Interest on mortgage loan, Trustees of Cary Fund	250 00	
Expense Account, No. 193 Montague Street	257 55	
" " No. 201 Montague Street	343 17	
" " No. 152 Pierrepont Street	36 83	
" " Library Building	88 75	
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz:		
Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00	
" of the Martin Fund	600 00	
" of the Wood Fund	500 00	
" of the Cary Bequest	300 00	
" of the General Fund	7,450 00	
	10,350 00	
		11,488 80
Balance, February 28, 1894		$880 17

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,245 00
Less Disbursements, as follows, viz:		
Gas	$77 78	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	13 33	
Commission	81 12	
General repairs	74 65	
		270 88
Balance, being Net Income		$2,974 12

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I beg to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

At the date of last year's report there remained an unexpended balance of income amounting to $11.75, and there has been received since one year's interest of $250. The Trustees have expended, in the purchase of suitable books, the sum of $248.97, representing 23 volumes selected from the current purchases of the Library, and these volumes have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

There remains an unexpended balance of income of $12.78.

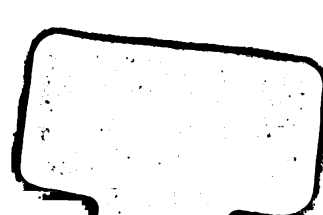
Which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 15, 1894.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

The contemplated alterations and improvements referred to in the preceding report have been completed during the past year and the greater part of the interior structure of the building, originally designed of wood, has been replaced by one of steel.

During the period of reconstruction repeated interruptions in the regular work and use of the Library have unavoidably occurred, and the Directors take this opportunity to tender thanks to the members for the uniform forbearance they so cheerfully have extended.

To the Librarian and his assistants the Directors are grateful for their zealous performance of library work, and fully appreciate the excellent result of their labors, carried on under most unfavorable conditions.

BOOKS.

An examination of our bulletin of additions published in December last, shows that the Library has acquired a large part of the desirable American and English books published during the year. A collection of over 100 volumes of recent works in the French language was received too late for publication in this list. The most popular works of fiction have been largely duplicated according to demand. The number of volumes purchased was 2,919, a decrease of

only 16 from last year. The larger additions were : In Fiction, 979 volumes; Biography, 280 volumes; History, 256 : Geography and Travel, 207, and Biblical Literature, 147 volumes. The following tabulation gives the additions by classes :

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1895.	Additions, 1894–'95.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1894–'95.	Net additions, 1894–'95.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1895.
History, Geography, Voyages and Travels	18,727	759	8	731	19,458
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,225	192	10	182	7,407
Science and Industrial Arts	9,671	368	2	366	10,037
Biography	8,851	321	2	319	9,170
Natural History	2,450	115	1	114	2,564
Fine Arts	4,457	81	4	77	4,534
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,320	64		64	2,384
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	4,292	141	2	139	4.431
Political, Social and Economic Science	6,629	273	6	267	6,896
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc.	7,589	221	15	206	7,795
Fiction	23,238	1,023	80	943	24,181
Foreign Languages	9,759	126		126	9,885
Bound Periodicals	8,309	264		264	8,573
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	2,573	182	6	176	2,749
Total	116,090	4,130	156	3,974	120,064

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		116,090
Additions by purchase	2,919	
Additions by donations	999	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets	208	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries	4	
	4,130	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	44	
Deduct volumes sold	109	
Deduct volumes exchanged	3	
	156	
		3,974
Total		120,064
Books bought during the year		2,919
Additions by binding		208
Total		3,127
Books purchased amount in cash to		$4,042 12
Books bound amount to		540 85
Total expended for books		$4,582 97

Average cost per volume of books purchased, $1.38.5.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 871.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 187.
Books repaired in Library, 1,396.
Books covered and lettered, 24,172.

The following are some of the important works added during the year:

American Dictionary of Printing and Book-making.
Emerson (and others)—The Dial, 4 vols.
McCook—American Spiders, vol. 3.
Masterpieces of German Art, 2 vols.
Masterpieces of Italian Art, 2 vols.
Michaud—The Crusades, illus. by Doré, 2 vols.
Perrot and Chipiez—Art in Primitive Greece, 2 vols.
Prescott—Works, illus. ed., 12 vols.
Ridpath—Great Races of Mankind, 4 vols.
Ruskin—Works, new ed., vols. 9-16.
Sargent—Silva of North America, vol. 5.
Scott—The Waverley Novels. Ed. de Luxe, 48 vols.
Tryon—Conchology (col'd plates), vols. 9-15.
Williams—Syllabic Dictionary of the Chinese Language.
Zieber—Heraldry in America.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received, since our last report, from 366 donors, 999 volumes, 1,007 pamphlets and 3,135 numbers of periodicals, Library bulletins, transactions of Societies, etc.

There have been received from the Public Departments at Washington, 254 volumes of public documents and official reports.

Some of the especially noteworthy gifts are as follows;

Mr. C. S. Baylis, 160 volumes.
Mr. W. R. Bliss, 29 volumes.
Dr. W. Bloodgood, 29 volumes.
Mr. W. H. Coleman, 11 volumes.
Mr. C. P. Dewey, 15 volumes.
Mr. John Filmer, 108 volumes.
Miss A. V. Lott, 12 volumes.
Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., 28 volumes.
Dr. N. B. Sizer, 8 volumes.
Mr. Alfred T. White, 21 volumes.
Mr. William A. White, 51 volumes.
Mr. John W. Wood, 7 volumes.

From the daily newspapers of Brooklyn, bound volumes of the *Citizen*, *Eagle*, *Standard Union* and *Times*.

From the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, 4 volumes.

LIST OF DONORS, 1894-95

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Aguilar Free Library		2	
Albany Medical College		2	
American Colonization Society		2	2
——— Humanitarian League	1		
——— Institute of Mining Engineers	2		
Ames (*Mrs.* E.)	1		
Amherst College, Mass.		7	
Anthropological Society			2
Ballou (M. M.)	1		
Bardwell (W. A.)		42	113
Baylis (C. S.)	160	34	2
Bigelow (T.)	1		
Blake (A. V.)	6		
Bliss (W. R.)	29		180

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Bloodgood (*Dr.* W.)	29		
Blunt (*Mrs.* E.)	2		
Boston (Mass.) City Registry Department	1		
Bowker (R. R.)	1		
Bridgman (H. L.)	1	3	4
Brookline (Mass.) Free Library		1	3
Brooklyn (City of) *Academy of Photography*		11	523
——— *Adelphi Academy*	2		
——— *Amaranth Dramatic Society*		1	2
——— *Board of Assessments*		2	
——— *Board of Education*	1		
——— *Brooklyn Institute*	1	2	
——— *Brooklyn Woman's Club*	1		
——— *Citizen*	3	1	
——— *Daily Eagle*	8		
——— *Daily Times*	1		
——— *Department of Police and Excise*	1		
——— *Pratt Institute*			10
——— *Standard Union*	2		1
——— *Summer Resort Bureau*		6	
Brown (*Dr.* J. C.)	1	1	
California World's Fair Commission	1		
Century Co., N. Y. City	6		
Chandler (*Hon.* W. E.)	1		
Chittenden (S. B.)	1		
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library		2	4
Cleveland (O.) Public Library		1	10
Cobden Club		2	
Colby University, Portland, Me		1	1
Coleman (W. H.)	71	4	71
College of New Jersey, Princeton, N. J.	1		
Columbia College, N. Y. City	4	2	2
Connecticut State Department	1		
Cooper Union, N. Y. City		2	
Cornell University	1	2	3
Craig (*Mrs.* A. L.)	1		
Cruikshank (*Mrs.* L. S.)			78
Davenport (R. B.)	1		
Delano (*Mrs.* J.)	2		
Denver (Col.) Public Library			10
Dewey (C. P.)	15	3	7
Dodge (R. D.)	4		
Drexel Institute, Philadelphia			2
Egleston (G. W.)	1		
Etowah Co. (Ala.) Medical Society		2	
Ewing, Whitman & Ewing		2	
Farrington (C. E.)	2		
Filmer (J.)	108		545

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Fisk (S. H.)			48
Fitzgerald (*Mrs.* F. F.)	1		
"Forward," S. Francisco, Cal.			3
Frothingham (J. H.)		11	
Fulton (H.)	1		
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City	1		1
Geological Society of America			4
Georgetown University		2	
Gerhard (W. P.)		3	
Graef (C.) *and Co.*, N. Y. City		2	
Graham (A. J.) *and Co.*, N. Y. City	11		
Hale (*Mrs.* A. C.)			68
Hamilton (Can.), Public Library	1	1	
"Hardware Dealer and Manufacturer," N. Y. City			2
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library		2	2
Harvard Astronomical Observatory		1	4
——— University	1	2	
———Library		1	1
Hearn (G. A.)	1		
Helena (Mon.) Public Library			5
Hoepli (U.), Milan	1		
Holland Society, N. Y. City	1		
Homans Publishing Co., N. Y City		3	1
Hooker (*Capt.* E., *U. S. N.*)		1	1
Howson *and* Howson, N. Y. City	1		
"Idea," Brooklyn, N. Y.			2
Illinois State Bureau of Labor	2		
Indian Rights' Association		2	7
Indiana State Bureau of Labor	1		
Iowa Geological Society	1		
Jersey City Free Public Library		1	10
Johns Hopkins University	1	2	1
Johnson (J.)		2	
Kaviratna (A. C.)			4
Langdon (*Mrs.* L. C.)	5		
Larison (*Dr.* C. W.)			6
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library		1	4
Le Plongeon (*Dr.* A.)	1	2	1
Le Soudier (H.)		2	1
Lenox Library		2	
Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library		2	
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn	18	65	
Lott (*Miss* A. V.)	12		
Low (J. O.)		253	24
Low (*Hon.* Seth)	1		
Low (W. H.)			17
Maine State Library	1		
Manson (G. W.)			3

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Massachusetts State Board of Education	1		
——— State Bureau of Labor	1		
Michigan Mining School		2	
Miller (*Mrs.* N. M.)	2		
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		2	2
Minneapolis (Minn.) Public Library	1		
Miscellaneous	34	21	126
Morgan (J. L.)	28		
Morton (*Hon.* L. P.)	1		
Mulertt (H.)			2
Nevada State Department		2	
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		2	5
New England Society, Brooklyn		4	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		1	1
New Jersey State Bureau of Labor	1		
——— Library		2	
New York (City of) *Mercantile Library*		2	1
——— *N. Y. Academy of Sciences*		3	1
——— *N. Y. Civil Service Reform Ass'n*		2	
——— *N. Y. Historical Society*	1		
——— *N. Y., Ontario and Western Ry*		50	
——— *N. Y. Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		3	
New York (State) *State Department*	13		
——— *Forest Commission*	3		
——— *Library*	5	1	3
——— *Railroad Commissioners*	2		
——— *Reformatory*	1		
Ohio State Board of Agriculture		1	5
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn			8
Parker (A.)	1		
Payne (W. W.)			2
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass		2	
Pearson (H. G.) Memorial Committee	1		
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library		2	
Perry (*Rev.* R. L.)	1		
Philadelphia *Library Co*			2
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	3
Portland (Ore.) *Library Association*		1	13
Providence (R. I.) *Public Library*		1	3
Putnam (G. P.) Sons, N. Y. City	1		
"Record and Guide," N. Y. City			38
Reinwald (C.)			11
Republica Oriental del Uruguay		2	
Rice (*Miss* C. C.)	2		
Robbins (*Dr.* N. A.)	1	1	4
Royal Society, London, Eng	2	2	12
Royal Society of Canada	1		

	Vols.	Pamphl.	Nos.
Russell (I. F.)	1		
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		2	11
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		2	
Shakespeare Memorial Library		2	
Sheldon (*Mrs.* H. K.)	2		
Shenandoah Railway Co.		4	
Sizer (*Dr.* J. N.)	8	6	177
Smith (*Rev.* A. D.)	1	1	
Smithsonian Institution	4	9	6
Society for the Study of Inebriety			5
Society of Colonial Dames		3	3
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	12
Sutro (A.)		6	
Sutro Library, San Francisco, Cal.		5	
Swart (M. V. B.)		7	7
Tacoma (Wash.) City Library		2	
Taylor (W. J.)		1	14
Terquem (E.)			11
Toronto (Can.) Public Library		3	
Trustees for the Children of Shalem	1		
Tucker (C.)			2
Tucker, (*Dr.* W. G.)		1	
Tufts College, Mass.		3	
United States Government	253	90	608
University of Michigan		2	
University of Nebraska			3
University of Virginia			2
Voorhees (*Hon.* A. W.)			52
Walke (*Adm.* H., *U. S. N.*)	1		
Ward (F. A.)	4		
Warner (*Gen.* A. J.)		4	
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill.			3
Whitcomb (*Miss* I. P.)	1		
White (A. T.)	21	5	6
White (W. A.)	51	85	135
Wood (J. W.)	7	13	16
Yale University		1	1
Totals	999	871	3,101
Donors of 1 Pamphlet		136	
Donors of 1 Number			34
Grand Totals	999	1,007	3,135

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The following were donors of one *Number* each:

Altruistic Review, Chicago; American Historical Register; J. Aron; Cayuga Co. Historical Society; Daughters of the Revolution; C. B. Davenport; *Elite;* Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.; *Guide and Critic; Household Realm; Iberia; Investor*, Los Angeles, Cal.; *Ivy Leaves; Law Times*, London, Eng.; *Library Record*, St. Joseph, Mo.; *Literary Era; Living Issues;* Messrs. Macmillan and Co.; Maine Association; *Minnesota Philatelist; Monde Moderne;* Mount Holyoke Seminary, So. Hadley, Mass.; N. Y. State University; W. G. Oates; Portland (Me.) Board of Trade; E. Putnam; Rhode Island Historical Society; Rochester (N. Y.) Academy of Sciences; Smith College, Northhampton, Mass.; E. Stock; Taunton (Mass.) Public Library; Washington State Historical Society; W. W. Wilson; Mrs. S. Woodruff.

DUPLICATES.

The number of volumes of duplicate books now on hand for sale or exchange (exclusive of U. S. Government Documents), is 1,870, a gain of 194 volumes since last report.

CIRCULATION.

The decrease in the circulation of books during 1894, as compared with 1893, is largely due to the necessary closing of the department at times during repairs.

	1893 Volumes.	1894 Volumes.
First Quarter	28,434	27,113
Second Quarter	23,925	23,465
Third Quarter	17,595	16,197
Fourth Quarter	25,176	23,750
Total	95,130	90,525

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

The usual Bulletin of additions to the Library was published in December, 1894. The list of books selected comprised the best of the additions during the year of American and English books, with a half page of music and works in the French language. 12,000 copies of the Bulletin were distributed by mail.

A new edition of the Catalogue of English Fiction, including juvenile books and prose translations, was printed in August, 1894. This Catalogue contains in one alphabet, by author and title, all works of fiction in the Library to July, 1894, with shelf numbers according to the new plan of numbering adopted a few years since. This Catalogue now takes the place of the Card Catalogue of Fiction, excepting those titles added since July, 1894. The card catalogue of other classes is kept complete to date by author, title and subject.

The weekly lists of additions are posted in the Book Delivery room, and are published in all the local papers with unvarying courtesy.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Since the completion of alterations this room is much more attractive than formerly, and more quiet. An assistant is in charge of the room throughout the day to give aid to students and readers. Some important works recently added to this Department are:

American and English Cyclopedia of Law, vols. 24 to 27.
Bartlett—Concordance to Shakespeare.
Century Cyclopedia of Names.
Gould—Illustrated Medical Dictionary.
The International Cyclopedia, 15 volumes.
Johnson—New Cyclopedia, vols. 1 to 5.
Larned—History for Ready Reference, vols. 1 to 4.
Larousse—Dictionnaire Universelle, vol. 17.
Poole and Fletcher—Index to Periodical Literature. Third Supplement.
Shaler—The United States, 2 vols.
Vapereau—Dictionnaire des Contemporains. Latest ed.
Standard Dictionary, vol. 2.
Watt's Dictionary of Chemistry, vol. 4.

CLASSES.

Prof. T. J. Ellinwood has continued his classes in Phonography and Typewriting on the third floor of the Library Building as in former years.

READING ROOMS.

In March, 1894, it became necessary to vacate the large reading-room pending alterations. The smaller room on the main floor was therefore occupied as a temporary reading-room through the summer and until the removal of this Department to its new quarters on the second floor, where readers are now furnished with far more comfortable quarters. The Sunday attendance for 43 afternoons, March 4 to June 24, 1894, and September 2, 1894, to February 24, 1895, was

Ladies	154
Gentlemen	2,106
	2,260

DISTRICT BRANCHES.

The number of volumes delivered at the branch stations in 1894, was 5,097. The branch library and reading-room at Bensonhurst was discontinued in October, 1894, owing to a too limited local patronage. The stations now in use are :

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Andrews and Manney, Flatbush avenue, cor. Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, cor. St. James' place.
L. T. Perkins, 19 Greene avenue, cor. Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, cor. Taylor street.

Exchanges of books are made at residence of members at the usual charge of five cents for each delivery at locations not too far distant from the Library.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership during the year have been $9,676.62.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1894)	1,506
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00 (to March 1, 1894)	329
Life members by payment of $100	493
Life members (original Athenæum subscription)	32
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	279
Total membership, on March 1, 1895	2,639
Total membership on March 1, 1894	2,786
Decrease (due to temporary closing of Library)	147

The following deaths have occurred since our last report: *Life members*—James P. Dike, Prof. Louis J. Simonin, for many years teacher of the French language and in charge of the Library classes; Henry P. Morgan, Gen. Henry W. Slocum, Charles R. Lynde, Ludlow Thomas, Dr. R. C. Moffat, Henry G. Reeve, James McLean, James S. Bailey, Nathaniel Frothingham, J. Ernest Miller, John P. Rolfe, Charles A. Townsend.

Permanent members—Josiah B. Blossom, Alexander M. Earle, Henry D. Polhemus.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

One case has been added on the subject of Emblems and Devices, making the total number of volumes, or cases, 74.

MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

Large additions have, as usual, been made to the pamphlet collection. They will be re-arranged under subjects as rapidly as time permits.

The collection of maps has been increased by donations from the U. S. Geological Survey, the War Department, and from other sources.

LIGHTS.

The cost of lighting the building from March 1, 1894, to February 28, 1895, has been $1,032.39 against $1,326.62 in 1893, a decrease of $294.23 following the disuse of gas and electric light during the period of repairs.

BUILDING AND FIXTURES.

The alterations to the Library building, commenced in March, 1894, were not entirely completed until the last of December. The foundations were strengthened and increased, the wooden columns and girders from the first floor to the roof taken out and replaced by those of steel. The large room on the first floor, formerly used as the Reading-room, has been fitted up with book-cases, Delivery-desk, Card Catalogues, &c., and is now the Book Delivery room. The reading-room has been removed to the west side of the second story, the newspaper room occupying the space formerly used for the Book Delivery Department, in the front of the building. The lights have been readjusted on this floor, as well as on the first story, and as the floors of the Reading-rooms and of the Reference Hall have been covered with linoleum, laid over carpet lining, the rooms are much more quiet than formerly.

The special collection of books forming the Reading-room Library has been shelved in the alcoves and on the west side of the present Reading-room. The classes of books most in request have been placed on the first floor, near the Delivery-desk. Fiction, Travels, Biography and Music are here, aggregating 54,000 volumes, while the remainder of the Library has been readjusted to the best advantage in the additional space thus gained in the shelf-room of the second and third floors. The stowage capacity of the Library has been increased by the recent alterations from 150,000 to 200,000 volumes.

FINANCES.

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, sundries and donations	$10,110 65
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account of income, etc	8,349 11
Total	$18,459 76
Actual expenses during the year	$21,825 47
Excess of expenses over receipts	$3,365 71
Disbursements on account of alterations	13,189 36
Due but not yet paid	651 81
Increase of loans	13,00 000
Cost of alterations in excess of increase of loans	841 17

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer.* *in account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY, CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1894		$4,007 39
Initiation Fees	$422 00	
Dues	9,254 62	
		9,676 62
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	5,200 00	
		8,100 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		249 11
Phonography Class		280 00
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		88 40
Sundries—Profit on Books Bought, etc		65 63
Loans—March 1, 1895	24,000 00	
" 1, 1894	11,000 00	
Increase		13,000 00
		$35,467 15

Books	$4,120 34	
Less amount from Books sold	78 22	
		$4,042 12
Binding		540 85
Periodicals	1,232 96	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	38 70	
		1,194 26
Salaries		9,455 08
Light		1,032 39
Fuel	533 35	
Building and Fixtures	93 19	
Janitor and care of Building	1.315 35	
		1,941 89
Bulletins and Catalogues	2,030 87	
Stationery and Printing	431 85	
Postage on Bulletins	120 00	
Advertising	35 00	
		2,617 72
Delivery to Branches	89 00	
Sundries	130 32	
		219 32
Interest paid on Loans	848 58	
Less Interest received from Bank Balances	66 74	
		781 84
Alterations		13,189 36
		$35,014 83
By Balance		452 32
		$35,467 15

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees beg to offer the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 28, 1895:

Balance, February 28, 1894		$880 17
Gross Rentals of No. 193 Montague Street		3,366 67
" " of No. 201 Montague Street		4,761 76
" " of No. 152 Pierrepont Street		666 70
" " of Library Building		941 00
Interest allowed on Trust Company balances		22 63
		$10,638 93
Dr. Brooklyn Trust Company, Interest on loan	$65 90	
Interest on mortgage loan, Trustees of Cary Fund	250 00	
Expense Account, No. 193 Montague Street	271 91	
" " No. 201 Montague Street	238 04	
" " No. 152 Pierrepont Street	104 67	
" " Library Building	63 87	
Fire Insurance Premium, including special risk	1,505 35	
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz:		
Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00	
" of the Martin Fund	600 00	
" of the Wood Fund	500 00	
" of the Cary Bequest	300 00	
" of the General Fund	5,200 00	
	8,100 00	
		10,599 74
Balance, February 28, 1895		$39 19

THE INCOME ACCOUNT OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,366 67
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Gas	$53 32	
Water Rates	24 11	
Insurance	48 00	
Commission	84 17	
General Repairs	110 31	
		319 91
Balance, being Net Income		$3,046 76

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$4,761 76
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Gas	$7 25	
Water Rates	24 00	
Insurance	48 00	
Commission	119 05	
General Repairs	87 75	
		286 05
Balance, being Net Income		$4,475 71

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$666 70
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Water Rates	$16 00	
Insurance	11 10	
Commission	16 67	
Interest on Mortgage	250 00	
General Repairs	72 00	
		365 77
Balance, being Net Income		$300 93

Library Building.

Gross Rentals Collected		$941 00
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Insurance on the Building	192 00	
Special Builder's Risk on the Building	280 00	
Commission	21 87	
		535 87
Balance, being Net Income		$405 13

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr. Balance of the Account, February 28, 1894		$880 17
Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street		3,046 76
" " " No. 201 Montague Street		4,475 71
" " " No. 152 Pierrepont Street		300 93
" " " Library Building		405 13
		$9,108 70
Dr. Balance of Interest Account	$43 27	
General Insurance Account, being Premium on Books, Furniture and fixtures for the current year	585 00	
Special Builder's risk, during repairs	341 25	
Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
For Income of Special Funds	$2,900 00	
For Income of the General Fund	5,200 00	
	8,100 00	
		9,069 52
Balance, February 28, 1895		$39 18

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$39 18	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		42,789 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Loan from the Brooklyn Trust Company		900 00
Mortgage on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		39 18
	$268,477 07	$268,477 07

The insurance against fire has been during the past year an exceedingly burdensome charge, an extra premium to cover builder's risk whilst the alterations were in progress having been necessary for a long period. The premiums for the coming year are at still more onerous rates, and have led to a reduction of $10,000 in the amount carried upon the Library Building; otherwise the property is covered as heretofore. A special survey of the property is to be made in the hope of modifying the present tariff. The insurances are as follows:

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE:

On Library Building	$70,000 00
On Books, etc.	90,000 00
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc.	7,500 00
On No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, March 13, 1895.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I beg to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

At the date of last year's report there remained an unexpended balance of income amounting to $12.78, and there has been received since one year's interest of $250. The Trustees have expended, in the purchase of suitable books, the sum of $249.11, representing 31 volumes selected from the current purchases of the Library, and these volumes have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

There remains an unexpended balance of income of $13.67.

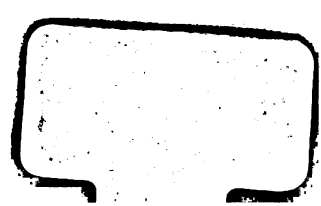
Which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 14, 1895.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.





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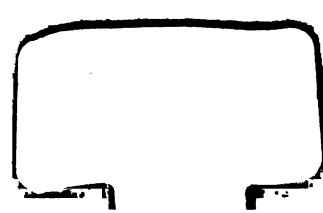
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To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

The statistics of the past year's business are as follows:

BOOKS.

The Library has acquired during the past year a large number of the best American and English books issued, as well as a selection from recent works in the French language; popular works of fiction have been duplicated largely to supply, as far as possible, the demand for fresh copies. 3,006 volumes have been added by purchase—an increase of 87 volumes over 1894. The greater additions were:

In Fiction, 1,108 volumes; History, Voyages and Travels, 867; Science and Industrial Arts, 463; Biography, 280; Political and Social Science, 270 volumes.

The following table shows the additions by classes:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1895.	Additions, 1895–'96.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1895–'96.	Net additions, 1895–'96.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1896.
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels.	19,458	873	6	867	20,325
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,407	162	3	159	7,566
Science and Industrial Arts	10,037	466	3	463	10,500
Biography	9,170	282	2	280	9,450
Natural History	2,564	86		86	2,650
Fine Arts	4,534	82	1	81	4,615
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,384	29		29	2,413
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc.	4,431	146	1	145	4,576
Political, Social and Economic Science.	6,896	274	4	270	7,166
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	7,795	181	4	177	7,972
Fiction	24,181	1,160	52	1,108	25,289
Foreign Languages	9,885	29	2	27	9,912
Bound Periodicals	8,573	335		335	8,908
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	2,749	483	275	208	2,957
Total	120,064	4,588	353	4,235	124,299

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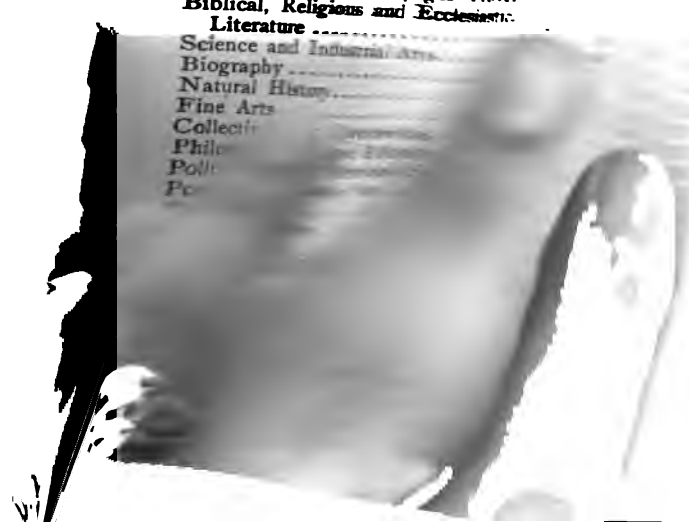
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CLASSES.	
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels	
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastic	
Literature	
Science and Industrial Arts	
Biography	
Natural History	
Fine Arts	
Collecti[illegible]	
Philo[illegible]	
Poli[illegible]	
Pe[illegible]	



RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			120,064
Additions by purchase		3,006	
Additions by donations		940	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets		305	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries (none)		...	
		4,251	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	38		
Deduct volumes sold	39		
Deduct volumes exchanged	276		
		353	
			3,898
Total			123,962
Books bought during the year			3,009
Additions by binding			305
Total			3,311
Books purchased amount in cash to			$4,008 73
Books bound amount to			729 09
Total expended for books			$4,737 82

Average cost per volume for books purchased, $1.33.4.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 816.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 121.
Books repaired in Library, 1,087.
Books covered and lettered, 12,992.

The following are some of the important works added during the year:

America's Successful Men, vol. 1.
American Ancestry, vol. 10.
Analectic Magazine, vols. 1–16.
Beach, Insurance, 2 vols.
Begg, History of the Northwest.
Brown, Life of J. A. Symonds, 2 vols.
Bunker, Long Island Genealogies.
Camp Fire and Battlefield, 2 vols.
Chaucer, Works ed. by Skeat, 6 vols.
Coues, Col. Z. M. Pike's Expeditions, 3 vols.
Egyptian Exploration Fund, 6 additional vols.
Lee Family of Virginia.
Nichol, Literary Anecdotes.
Ruskin, Works, new ed., vols. 16–26.
Spofford, Historic Characters, vols. 6–10.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received since last report, from 410 donors, 940 volumes, 702 pamphlets, and 3,640 numbers of periodicals, library bulletins and transactions of societies.

Some especially valued gifts were from the following donors:

Dr. Lyman Abbott, 21 volumes.
Mr. C. P. Dewey, 6 volumes.
Mr. Richard Dodge, 12 volumes.
Prof. D. G. Eaton, 8 volumes.
Mr. T. L. Frothingham, 43 volumes.
Mr. W. P. Gerhard, 8 volumes.
Mr. S. W. Grierson, 90 volumes.
Mr. Henry R. Jones, 78 volumes.
Miss M. A. Onion, 22 volumes.
Dr. N. A. Robbins, 25 volumes.
Mrs. H. B. Smith, 14 volumes.
Miss F. Starr, 25 volumes.
Miss M. Titcomb, 24 volumes.
Mr. A. T. White, 4 volumes.
Mr. S. V. White, 17 volumes.
Mr. Wm. A. White, 21 volumes.
Mr. J. W. Wood, 12 volumes.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers bound volumes of the *Citizen*, *Eagle*, *Standard Union* and *Times*. From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 11 volumes. From the United States Government, 257 volumes of the publications of the various departments. From Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, 3 volumes of the "Bible Work." From the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg, 24 volumes. From Hon. George E. Waldo, member of Assembly, Albany, N. Y., a file, as published, of New York State Assembly and Senate acts and bills. From Mr. Wm. A. White, for the purchase of books, a cash donation of $2,000.

LIST OF DONORS, 1895–96.

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Abbott (*Dr.* L.)	21	33	110
Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn	1	3	
American Colonization Society			3

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
American Forestry Association		2	
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
Ames (*Mrs.* E. K.)	1		
Anderson (E. S.)			63
Aubrey (A. C.)	2		
Balch (E. S.)	1		
Barnard College, N. Y. City			2
Blagden (*Rev.* S.)	1		
Boston Public Library		1	1
Boston Record Commissioners	1		
Boston Transit Commission	1		
Bourne (A.)	1	1	
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn		2	
Brookline Public Library		1	5
Brooklyn (City of) *Board of Education*	1		
——— *Board of Election*	2		
——— *Brooklyn Hospital*		5	
——— *Brooklyn Institute*	1	2	
——— *Brooklyn Union for Christian Work.*		2	
——— *Citizen*	3	1	
——— *City Clerk's Office*	3		
——— *City Registry Department*	1		
——— *Comptroller's Office*	1		
——— *Daily Eagle*	14		7
——— *Daily Times*	5		
——— *Department of City Works*	6		
——— *Department of Parks*	1		
——— *Department of Police*	1		
——— *Mayor's Office*	1		
——— *Standard Union.*	2		
Brown Hoisting Co., Columbus, O		2	
Brown (F. S.)			160
Brown (J. S.)			11
Brown University, Providence, R. I		2	
Buckman (G. R.)		2	
Buffalo Public Library		2	
Butler (*Dr.* J. G.)	3		
Carnegie Steel Co., Pittsburg, Pa	1		
Carson, Trench Machine Co., Charlestown, Mass		3	
Cincinnati Public Library		2	4
Clarke (R.) *and Co.*, Cincinnati, O	1		
Cleveland Public Library		3	3
Cobden Club, London, Eng		2	
Coleman (W. H.)		20	12
Columbia College, N. Y. City	5	1	6
Connecticut State Board of Health	1		
Connecticut State Library	1		
Cook (T.) *and Sons*		40	14

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.		1	3
Creamer (E. S.)	1		
Denver Public Library			2
Dewey (C. P.)	6	2	7
Dodge (R. D.)	12		
Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.		2	
Eaton (D. G.)	8	11	7
Eccles (*Dr.* R. G.)	1		
Elliott (S.)	1		
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md		1	4
Farrington (C. E.)	2		47
Farrington (W. D.)		3	1
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.		3	5
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.		3	
Frothingham (J. H.)			11
Frothingham (T. L.)	44	17	9
Fryer (*Mrs.* A.)	1		
Fulton (H.)	1		
Gale (F. E.)	1		
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City	1	2	1
Gentle (R.)	1		
Gerhard (W. P.)	8	3	
Gildehaus (C.)	1		
Gregg (*Rev.* D.)	2		
Grierson (S. W.)	90		
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	2		6
Harrison (*Mrs.* M. C.)			7
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library		1	2
Harvard Astronomical Observatory			3
——— Law School Association	1		
——— University	1	1	
——— Library		1	9
Hearne (W.)			38
Helena (Mon.) Public Library			4
Hirsch (C. J.)	1		
Hoepli (M.)			2
Holland Society, N. Y. City	1		
Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, La.		4	
Hunt (C. W.), *and Co.*		4	
Iles (G.)	2		
Illinois State Bureau of Labor Statistics	2		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa.		4	5
Indianapolis Public Library		2	
Ingoldsby (*Miss* M. P.)			103
Iowa State Geological Survey	2		
Irving Co., N. Y. City	1		
Jersey City Free Public Library		1	8
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md		2	1

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Jones (H. C.)			1
Jones (H. R.)	78	6	32
Kahler (*Dr.* P. C.)	1		
Kent (W. H.)	4	9	
Kings County Commissioner of Charities	1		
Larison (*Dr.* C. W.)			3
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	3
League of Loyal Citizens, Brooklyn	1	4	
Leavitt (J. McD.)	1		
Leduc (A.)	1	2	
Leffingwell (*Dr.* A.)		4	
Lenox Library, N. Y. City		2	
Le Plongeon (*Dr.*)		5	
Lewis (*Dr.* H. M.)	2		
Library Bureau, Boston, Mass		1	1
Link-Belt Machinery Co., N. Y. City		7	2
Loines (M. H.)			14
Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library		2	
Lowry (*Rev.* S. C.)	1		
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		1	2
Macullow, Parker *and Co.*, Boston, Mass	1		
Manchester (Eng.) Public Free Libraries		2	
Manson (G. W.)		1	1
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		1	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	1	
Massachusetts *State Board of Education*	1		
——— *State Bureau of Labor*	3		
" Mexican Exposition " Office, San Francisco, Cal			2
Michigan *Mining School*		2	
——— *State Board of Health*	1		
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library			6
Minneapolis (Minn.) Mayor's Office	1		
Minnesota Historical Society		3	
——— State Geological Survey	1	2	
Miscellaneous		85	74
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass		3	
Mulertt (H.)			2
Murray (W.)	1		
Murtha (*Miss*)	4		
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		2	8
Newberry Library, Chicago	1	1	
New England Society, Brooklyn		2	
New Hampshire State Library	1		
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		2	1
New Jersey State Bureau of Labor	1		
——— State Geological Survey	1	2	4
——— State Library	4		
New York (City) *Academy of Sciences*	1	1	2

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
New York (City) *Art Students' League*			3
——— *Department of Docks*	1		
——— *N. Y. Historical Society*	1		
——— *N. Y. Society Library*		2	1
——— *N. Y. World*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
New York Securities Co., Philadelphia, Pa	1		
New York (State) *Adjutant General's Office*	3		
——— *Aqueduct Commissioners*	1		
——— *Board of Charities*	3		
——— *Board of Health*	12		
——— *State Dept.*	38	1	
——— *State Factory Inspector*	1		
——— *State Forest Commission*	1		
——— *State Library*	2	1	4
——— *State University*			3
——— *World's Fair Exhibit*	1		
Ohio State Board of Agriculture		3	8
——— State Board of Health	1		
Onion (*Miss* M. A.)	22		84
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn		2	10
Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y	1		
Pennsylvania State Library	24	1	
Philadelphia *Apprentices' Library*		2	1
——— *Library Co.*			2
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	1
Pilkington (H. M.)	2		
"Popular Astronomy," Northfield, Mass			2
Portland (Ore.) Library Association		1	11
Pratt (*Mrs.* H. L.)			91
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y			7
Providence (R. I.) *Athenæum*			4
——— *Public Library*		1	11
Redemptorist College, Ilchester, Md		4	
"Review of Reviews," N. Y. City			3
Rhode Island Historical Society			4
Rice (G. S.)	1		
Robbins (*Dr.* N. A.)	25	1	5
Royal Society, London, Eng			13
Saint Joseph (Mo.) Free Public Library		1	1
Saint Louis (Mo.) Public Library		3	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		2	13
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		1	4
"Searcher," Philadelphia, Pa			2
Searight (J. A.)	1		
Seaver (B. F.)	1		
Sheldon (*Mrs.* H. K.)	2		
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)		4	

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Simpson (*Miss* F.)			28
Smith (*Mrs.* H. B.)	14	4	80
Smithsonian Institution	11	8	5
Society for the Study of Inebriety, London, Eng			4
Society of Naval Architects, N. Y. City		2	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		2	12
Starr (*Miss* F.)	24		
Stock (E.)	1		
Sutro (A.)		4	1
Terquem (E.)			10
Titcomb (*Miss* M.)	24		
Toronto (Can.) Public Library	1	1	
Tree-planting Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.			2
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn		2	
Tucker (*Dr.* W. G.)		4	
United States Government	257	78	328
University of Michigan		3	
University of Nebraska			3
University of Pennsylvania		2	
University of Vermont		1	1
University of Virginia			3
Uruguay (Republic of)	3		8
Valentine (B. B.)	1		
Van Nort (J. J.)	1		
Waite (H. E.)	1		
Waldo (*Hon.* G.)			1,915
Warner (J. D.)	4	1	45
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill			3
Webb (*Dr.* W. S.)	1		
Whicher (G. M.)	2		
White (A. T.)	4		1
White (S. V.)	17		
White (W. A.)	21	38	8
Williams (F.)	1		
Winslow (J.)	1		
Wisconsin State Historical Society	1	3	1
Wood (J. W.)	12	21	12
Woodward (*Miss* M. M.)		2	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library		3	
Yale University	1	1	
Totals	940	570	3,603
Donors of 1 Pamphlet		132	
Donors of 1 Number			37
Grand Totals	940	702	3,640

The following were donors of one *Pamphlet* each:

Amaranth Society, Brooklyn; American Cement Co.; American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.; American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Amherst College; Andover (Mass.) Theological Seminary; Bailies' Institute Free Library, Glasgow, Scot.; Baker Manufacturing Co., Chicago; Bangor (Me.) Public Library; Banks Bros., New York City; Beloit College, Wis.; Bigelow Free Public Library, Clinton, Mass.; Birmingham (Eng) Free Libraries; Miss Blashfield; Boston (Mass.) Board of Metropolitan Sewage; Miss F. S. Bostwick; Brocton (Mass.) Public Library; Brooklyn Department of Health; Brooklyn Ethical Association; Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital; Brooklyn Industrial School Association; Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association; Canning Town (Eng.) Public Library; Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa.; Catskill (N. Y.) Brick and Paving Co.; Central Library, Syracuse, N. Y.; Chicago (Ill.) Public Library; Church Charity Foundation, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cincinnati (O.) Young Men's Mercantile Library; Clerkenwell (Eng.) Public Library; College of New York City; Concord (Mass.) Free Public Library; Connecticut Historical Society; W. M. Conway; *Courant*, Hartford, Conn.; Croydon (Eng.) Public Library; W. B. Davenport; Dayton (O.) Public Library; Detroit (Mich.) Public Library; Dewsbury (Eng.) Public Library; Elizabeth (N. J.) Public Library; Fitchburg (Mass.) Public Library; Franklin Reformatory Home, Philadelphia; Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.; General Theological Seminary, New York City; German Society, New York City; Gloversville (N. Y.) Free Library; Grand Rapids (Mich) Public Library; M. C. Grandy; Great Yarmouth (Eng) Free Libraries; Hamilton (Can.) Public Library; Harlem Library, N. Y.; Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary; Hastings Pavement Co.; New York City; Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.; Capt. E. Hooker, U. S. N.; Howson and Howson, New York City; Isabella Heimath, New York City; Prof. A. Jacobi; Kansas State Historical Society; Kenyon College, Gambier, O.; Lancaster (Mass.) Town Library; W. C. Lawton; R. W. Lesley; Library of Parliament, Ottawa, Can.; Lidgerwood Manufacturing Co., New York City; Liverpool (Eng.) Free Public Library; *London*, London, Eng.; Long Island College Hospital; Long Island Historical Society; W. H. Lowdermilk and Co., Washington, D. C.; Maimonides Free Library, New York City; Malden (Mass.) Public Library; Marlborough (Mass.) City Library; Massachusetts State Board of Gas and Electric Light; Minneapolis (Minn.) Public Library; Monson-Williams Memorial, Utica, N. Y.; Morrison-Reeves Library, Richmond, Ind.; Morse Institute Library, Natick, N. H.; National Civil Service Reform League; National Conference of Charities; New Bedford (Mass.) Free Library; New England Historical-Genealogical Society; New York City Police Department; New York Farmers; New York Library Association; New York Produce Exchange; New York State Commissioners of Code Revision; New York State Superintendent of Public Works; Oberlin College, O.; Peabody Institute, Baltimore; Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.; Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery; Peoria (Ill.) Public Library; Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences; Philadelphia City Institute; *Philadelphia Times;* Phillips Exeter Academy, N. H.; Physio-Medical College of Indiana; Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn; J. E. Porter; A. J. Provost, Jr.; G. P. Putnam's Sons,

New York City; Railroadmen's Building, New York City; Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.; Rembrandt Club, Brooklyn; D. W. Robinson; St. Louis (Mo.) University; St. Martin and St. Paul's Public Libraries, London, Eng.; St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library; San Francisco (Cal.) Mechanics' Institute; San Francisco (Cal.) Mercantile Library; E. Smith; Society of Colonial Dames, New York City; Somerville (Mass.) Public Library; Southbridge (Mass.) Town Officers' Department; Sutro Library, San Francisco; Taunton (Mass.) Public Library; E. R. Tratman; *Tribune*, New York City; Tufts College, Mass.; Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; University of Rochester, N.Y.; Utica (N. Y.) Public Library; Watertown (Mass.) Free Public Library; Whiting Foundry Co., Chicago; Wilmington (Del.) Institute; Woburn (Mass.) Public Library; Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania; Yearly Meeting of Friends, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following were donors of one *Number* each:

Akademische Revue, Munich; American Academy of Dramatic Art, New York City; American Society of Civil Engineers, New York City; E. Arnold; Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Me.; W. Carleton; *Central Magazine*, Cleveland, O.; H. G. Chapman; Cedric Chivers; *Chronicle*, New York City; J. P. Cilley; G.W. Cole; A. Colin and Co., Paris; *Education*, Boston, Mass.; *Expression*, Boston, Mass.; *Freedom*, Boston, Mass.; Institute International de Biographie, Bruxelles; *Kamloops Wawa*, Kamloops, B. C.; A. C. Kaviratna; A. Mathews; Merchal et Billard, Paris; *Music Trade Index*, Washington, D. C.; New England Waterworks Association; Newton (Mass.) Free Library; New York Mercantile Library, New York City; Ohio State Fair, Columbus, O.; Dr. C. M. O'Leary; Porter and Coates, Philadelphia; *Rivista Critica de Historia;* Rochester (N. Y.) Academy of Science; St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Athenæum; *Self-Culture*, New York City; *Shaksperean*, Stratford-upon-Avon, Eng.; Sioux City (Iowa) Public Library; Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

DUPLICATES.

The number of duplicate books now on hand for sale or exchange is 2,207, a gain of 337 volumes since last year. This is exclusive of U. S. Government documents. Of these 273 volumes were returned to Washington for distribution to other libraries, leaving a net increase of 64 volumes since last report.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books during 1895 was 92,116, an increase of 1,591 volumes over 1894.

	1894 Volumes.	1895 Volumes.
First Quarter	27,113	27,585
Second Quarter	23,465	22,857
Third Quarter	16,197	16,591
Fourth Quarter	23,750	25,083
Total	90,525	92,116

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

The annual bulletin of additions to the Library was issued in December, 1895. Twelve pages were given to the selections made from American and English books, a page to music and works in the French language, and seven pages to English fiction. Twelve thousand copies of the bulletin were distributed by mail.

The weekly lists of additions are displayed in the Library, and are published with unvarying courtesy by the Brooklyn press.

The card catalogue has been improved by the newest device of rods and blocks for holding the cards in place in the drawers. The "Subject" portion of the card catalogue is now being improved by the insertion of several hundred new guide cards lettered with the main and sub-headings of subjects. This improvement will greatly facilitate the use of this part of the catalogue. All additions to the class of English fiction that have been made since the last editions of the Fiction Catalogue was printed July 1, 1894, are to be found in the card catalogue under the appropriate heading.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use of this department has been greater than in any former year. Some of the important additions of reference works recently made are:

The American Catalogue, 1890–95.
Appleton—Annual Cyclopædia, 1894.
Bien—New York State Atlas, 1895.
Burke—Landed Gentry, 1894. 2 vols.
Griffiths—Micrographic Dictionary, last ed.
International Cyclopædia of Surgery, Vol. VII.
Kuenemann—Decorative American Wild Flowers.
Larned—History for Ready Reference, Vol. V.
Longfellow—Cyclopædia of Architecture.
Mott—Yachts and Yachtsmen of America, 2 vols.
National Cyclopædia of American Biography, Vol. VI.
Racinet—Polychromatic Ornament, Vol. I.
Sargent—Silva of North America, Vol. VIII.
Soderholz—Colonial Architecture.
Wallis—American Colonial Architecture, etc.

CLASSES.

Prof. T. J. Ellinwood has conducted his classes in Phonography and Typewriting in the Library building as in past years.

READING ROOMS.

The removal of the newspaper and periodical rooms to the second floor has been found satisfactory to our readers. It is more quiet and secluded than when located on the main floor. The Sunday attendance for 44 afternoons, March 3d to June 30th and September 1st to February 23d, 1896, was

Ladies	116
Gentlemen	2,103
Total	2,219

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

Five thousand four hundred and one volumes were delivered at the branch stations in 1895. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Andrews & Manney, Flatbush avenue, cor. Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, cor. St. James' place.
L. T. Perkins, 19 Greene avenue, cor. Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, cor. Taylor street.

Considerable business has been done in exchanging books at the residences of members. This is done at the usual charge of five cents for each delivery, or ten cents where the distance is so great as to require two car fares.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual memberships during the year have been $9,836.93. The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1896)	1,543
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00 (to March 1, 1896)	355
Life members, by payment of $100	484
Life members (original Athenæum subscription)	32
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	274
Total membership on March 1, 1896	2,688
Total membership on March 1, 1895	2,639
Increase	49

The following deaths have been noted since our last report:

LIFE MEMBERS—Andrew Van Tuyl, S. R. Robbins, William H. Dike, Robert S. Bussing, John W. Wheelock, Richard P. Merritt, Edward Annan, Henry Owen, Lucien Birdseye.

PERMANENT MEMBERS—George A. Thayer, Josiah O. Low, J. J. Merrian, Abraham B. Baylis, William C. Sheldon.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

The work in this direction, which was almost entirely suspended during the period of repairs and alterations of last year, was resumed during the summer months. The reserve stock of clippings was examined and classified, and from selected subjects 16 cases were filled and added to the collection, which now numbers 91 volumes. An extended list of the subjects now contained in the collection is appended:

	Volumes.
Agriculture	1
Amusement	2
Astronomy	1
Balloons and Ballooning	1
Bibliography	1
Biography, general	32
" special—Beecher	2
" " Grant	1
" " Lincoln	1
" " Washington	1
" " Webster	1
Botany	1
Coins and Medals	1
Countries, Brooklyn	8
" Long Island	2
" New York City	8
Electricity	1
Emblems	1
Festivals and Holidays	1
Food and Gastronomy	2
Forestry	1
Gems	2
Meteorology	3
Names	2
Natural History	3
Quotations, Poetry	4
" Prose	2
United States Army and Navy	1
War and Warfare	3
World's Fair (1892–93)	1
Total	91

MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

The usual donations of their fine maps have been received from the U. S. Geological Survey and the War Department, Washington, D. C.

The pamphlets now number 13,005. These have been newly classified and arranged on the tables and shelving in the document rooms in the upper part of the building.

LIGHTS.

The expense of lighting the building from March 1, 1895, to February 29, 1896, has been $1,058.00 against $1,032.39 in 1894; an increase of $25.61 over last year, which is due to disuse of lights during alterations to the building at that time.

FINANCES.

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, sundries and donations	$12,095	46
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account of income, etc	9,048	93
Total	$21,144	39
Actual expenses during the year	$21.661	94
Excess of expenses over receipts	$517	55

Aside from the ordinary revenues of the Library the Trustees have this year received a generous bequest from the late Charles Rollin Lynde, of $10,000, which, by resolution, has been constituted the "Lynde Fund." Mr. Lynde was a frequent and welcome visitor to the Library, and passed many hours in the Reading Room and Reference Department. His generous legacy is a most gratifying acknowledgment of his appreciation of the importance and usefulness of the Brooklyn Library, and the institution is greatly indebted to him for his kindly remembrance.

For the Board of Directors,

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. FRANK LYMAN, *Treasurer.* *in account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1895		$452 32
Initiation Fees	$434 00	
Dues	9,402 93	
		9,836 93
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	500 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	5,900 00	
		8,800 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		248 93
Phonography Class		240 00
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		93 15
Sundries—Profit on Books Bought, etc.		18 53
Donation		2,000 00
		$21,689 86

Books	$4,081 43	
Less amount from Books sold	72 70	
		$4,008 73
Binding		729 09
Periodicals	1,215 40	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	42 59	
		1,172 81
Salaries		10,134 19
Light		1,058 00
Fuel	520 73	
Building and Fixtures	485 81	
Janitor and care of Building	1,304 82	
		2,311 36
Bulletins and Catalogues	526 72	
Stationery and Printing	356 68	
Postage on Bulletins	120 00	
Advertising	57 00	
		1,060 40
Delivery to Branches	92 00	
Sundries	100 60	
		192 60
Interest paid on Loans	1,022 17	
Less Interest rec'd from Bank Balances	27 41	
		994 76
		21,661 94
By Balance		27 92
		$21,689 86

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending Feb. 29, 1896:

Apart from the ordinary revenues, they have come into possession of the amount of a bequest from the late Charles Rollin Lynde which, by resolution, has been constituted the "Lynde Fund," the income from which is fixed at 5 per cent., and as such will hereafter be separately paid over to the Board of Directors. This bequest has been appropriated towards the purchase price of the premises No. 154 Pierrepont street, newly acquired by the Library. The remainder of the cost of this property has been temporarily provided by a loan of $10,000 from the Long Island Loan and Trust Company, made by the Board of Directors provisionally, and since assumed by the Trustees.

THE CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr.	Balance, February 28, 1895			$39 19
	Gross Rentals of No. 152 Pierrepont street			266 68
	" " of No. 193 Montague street			3,520 00
	" " of No. 201 Montague street			4,718 37
	" " of Library Building			2,583 34
	Bequest from the late Charles Rollin Lynde			10,000 00
	Interest paid on the same by the Trust Co. by order of Court			200 00
	Rebate from the Title Guarantee Company			51 66
	Department of City Works Deposit, returned by City Treasurer			30 00
				$21,409 24
Dr.	Brooklyn Trust Co. Interest on Loan		$45 00	
	Interest on Mortgage Loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund		250 00	
	Expense Account, No. 152 Pierrepont street		27 67	
	" " No. 193 Montague street		690 86	
	" " No. 201 Montague street		188 21	
	" " Library Building		167 83	
	Fire Insurance Premium		859 24	
	Real Estate, No. 154 Pierrepont street, on account		10,339 00	
	Payments to the Board of Directors, viz.:			
	Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00		
	" " Martin Fund	600 00		
	" " Wood Fund	500 00		
	" " Cary Bequest	300 00		
	" " General Fund	5,900 00		
			8,800 00	
				21,367 81
	Balance, February, 29, 1896			$41 43

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$3,520 00
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Gas	$68 53	
Water Rates	16 00	
Fire Insurance	48 00	
Commissions	88 00	
General Repairs	518 33	
		738 86
Balance, being Net Income		$2,781 14

No. 201 Montague Street

Gross Rentals Collected		$4,718 37
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Gas	$1 50	
Water Rates	26 00	
Fire Insurance	48 00	
Commissions	117 96	
General Repairs	42 75	
		236 21
Balance, being Net Income		4,482 16

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$266 68
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Water Rates	$16 00	
Commissions	6 67	
Interest on Mortgage	250 00	
General Repairs	5 00	
		277 67
Balance, being Net Loss of Income		$10 99

Library Building.

Gross Rentals Collected		$2,583 34
Less Disbursements, as follows:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Fire Insurance on the Building	176 52	
Commissions	55 83	
General Repairs	70 00	
		344 35
Balance, being Net Income		$2,238 99

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Balance of the Account, February 28, 1895		$39 19
	Net Income from No. 193 Montague Street		2,781 14
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		4,482 16
	" " " the Library Building		2,238 99
	Water Deposit returned		30 00
			$9,571 48
Dr.	Interest Account	$45 00	
	General Insurance Account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures for the current year	586 72	
	Loss of Income on No. 152 Pierrepont Street	10 99	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
	For Income of the Special Funds... $2,900 00		
	For Income of the General Fund... 5,900 00		
		8,800 00	
			9,442 71
	Balance, February 29, 1896		$128 77

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$41 43	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate No. 154 Pierrepont Street	20,087 34	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		42,789 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Lynde Fund		10,000 00
Loan from the Brooklyn Trust Company		900 00
Loan from the Long Island Loan and Trust Co.		10,000 00
Mortgage on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		128 77
	$288,566 66	$288,566 66

The fire insurance upon the property of the Library has been continued for the coming year at the same amounts as for the year last passed, in part, however, at somewhat reduced rates, to the saving of perhaps $50. The insurances are as follows:

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE:

On the Library Building	$70,000 00
On Books, etc	90,000 00
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500 00
On No. 193 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 201 Montague Street	20,000 00
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550 00

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,

Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 12, 1896.

To the Trustees of the Brooklyn Library:

The Executive Committee report that the rentable property of the Library has been let for the ensuing year at rates estimated to bring in for payment to the Board of Directors about $10,700. The only vacancy at present is the building No. 152 Pierrepont street, which if let will bring in $600 or $700 additional. The office buildings have been kept in their usual condition.

For the Committee,

W. A. WHITE,

Chairman.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 10, 1896.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I beg to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

At the date of last year's report there remained an unexpended balance of income amounting to $13.67, and there has been received since one year's interest of $250. The Trustees have expended, in the purchase of suitable books, the sum of $248.93, representing 39 volumes selected from the current purchases of the Library, and these volumes have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

There remains an unexpended balance of income of $14.74.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 26, 1896.

EXTRACTS FROM A PAPER ON THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

BY

MISS L. F. TWEEDY, Assistant in the Library.

[Read before the Woman's Club of Brooklyn, March 9, 1896.]

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No one, I think, who has not been in some way practically connected with the administration of a large library, can have an adequate idea of the great amount of money needed to carry on the work with any degree of success.

The Brooklyn Library has never been a rich institution, and at present, compared with some others, it is considered poor. And yet, after its organization, now nearly forty years ago, $250,000 was subscribed for a building fund; later, $50,000 for buying books; from time to time it has had donations amounting to over $100,000, and the collection of books on its shelves would cost $200,000 to replace. This, in all, makes an aggregate of more than half a million dollars, and yet we are reckoned a poor Library. We have no rent to pay; our property and buildings are almost wholly unencumbered; we receive the usual quota of gifts in the way of books, periodicals and pamphlets, and in some instances, money, but we are poor. And this because, notwithstanding the most careful economy and constant watchfulness, our available money is insufficient for our requirements. What we need—what any institution of the size and scope of ours would need—in addition to the equipment of building and books, is a fund of at least half a million dollars, the income of which would enable us, instead of limiting our purchases to the absolutely essential books, to cover fairly well the larger class of highly desirable books. In a city of the size and intelligence of Brooklyn, what a pittance is $4,000 a year for books! Yet that amount is all that it is possible to set aside from the yearly receipts for this purpose. * * * * *

When the Mercantile Library Association of Brooklyn was established in the Athæneum, in 1858, it had a collection of 4,000 volumes. Now, the Brooklyn Library, in its present building, has 130,000 volumes, and it is a collection of which any library might be justly proud. Book collecting is like stamp collecting—let a person's attention once be directed exclusively to it, and it becomes a mania. A librarian would rather add a good book to his collection than be President of the United States. Partly by donation, partly through suggestions from readers, but chiefly by indefatigable sifting out of the best from the tons of literature published annually, our collection is expanded by a yearly increase of about 4,000 volumes, ranging from the work of large expense and eminent literary value to the booklet of smallest cost and evanescent demand. Among our books may be found such works as Racinet's Costume, for which some $200 was paid; a set of Sir Walter Scott and one of Ruskin costing about $250 apiece; Kingsborough's Mexican Antiquities which, though a donation to us, represents a large amount of money; the illustrated Bible, and sets of pictures from the old world galleries, valued at from $500 to $600 each. Scattered all through the collection are rare or old books whose loss it would be impossible to supply, and whose value approaches, in some cases, $100 for a small volume. The collection is stronger in some directions than in others. Theology, for instance, is one of our finest divisions, and no class of men get

more benefit out of it than the clergymen of Brooklyn, many of whom are familiar figures in our Library. History and Travels is another strong class, followed closely by Biography, as might be attested by the numerous applicants for admission to the "Daughters of the Revolution" and "Colonial Dames" Societies, who come to the Reference Room for their pedigrees. Science, Philosophy, Poetry and Drama, are all well represented. Law and Medicine are less full; but these are departments of special rather than general interest; the books belonging to them are numerous and expensive; and there are both a Law Library and a Medical Library established in the city. * * *

This Library was the first to introduce the circulation of music as books, and the experiment has been a marked success from the first. The collection, mostly classical and by the more noted composers, was largely increased recently through the kindness of Mr. Paul Tidden, who on his visit to Europe selected for us a fine assortment from the best sheet music and operas, which we have bound, and each piece circulates the same as a book. The class now contains 1,500 vols. There are also books on the History, Theory and Practice of Music, and some on Musical Instruments; and there is a classed catalogue of the collection which makes it available to those who wish to use it.

The Library collects and classifies newspaper clippings as a supplement to its Reference Collection, the object being to make of advantage much valuable material that would otherwise be lost, as it is for the most part matter not to be found in book form. Although this is but one of the side features of the Library, much time and pains have been bestowed upon the selection, clipping and mounting of these scraps. There are now 90 volumes, or boxes, of which 32 are biography, and each contains about 50 sheets, or pages, of clippings. This division is much used, and has been characterized as "one of the best collections of newspaper clippings in the country."

There are also good and, for the most part, complete files of the newspapers themselves, including the New York and Brooklyn daily papers, and most of the religious and secular weeklies, the back numbers of which may be had on application.

The Library stock room contains a large number of United States, State and official documents, mostly given by the government. There is also a set of Patent Office reports, while the collection of pamphlets on all sorts of subjects, by all sorts of authors, now aggregates some 13,000, all of which are carefully indexed by subject as well as by author. This department also has the reputation of being better than most.

A very much used, though from the general standpoint a very uninteresting class of books, is the collection of directories. The directories of more than one hundred cities in the United States may be consulted in the Reference Room, and the frequency and satisfaction with which they are used assure us that they are appreciated.

Probably the most valuable and the most used book in the whole collection is the Brooklyn Library Catalogue. The work, published in 1881, was prepared by the late librarian, Mr. S. B. Noyes, with great care, and it has a national reputation, having been circulated to all parts of the United States, and to some extent abroad. It is continued in the form of a card catalogue on the same plan; and a printed bulletin of additions is published once a year, or oftener, which is widely circulated.

On the second floor of the Library Building are the Reading and Reference Rooms. The Reading Room is supplied with some 300 periodicals—the daily papers of Brooklyn and other cities, and most of the prominent weekly and illustrated papers and monthly magazines, together with a selected library of 3,000 volumes of general literature, from which one may take a book to read in the room. Adjoining the Reading Room is the Reference Department, which has been dubbed the Student's Mecca. Here are cyclopædias of all kinds—general, biographical, scientific, medical and law; bound volumes of the newspapers; atlases and gazetteers; directories; almanacs; English dictionaries, from the venerable Johnson to the new Century and Standard, and dictionaries of foreign languages. Dictionaries of politics, dictionaries of philosophy, compendiums of almost everything, sets of bound magazines—all accessible to the reader, together with a free draught on any book or books in the whole 130,000 on demand. * * * * *

As a working library the Brooklyn Library is in the first rank. The New York Herald refers to it as "one of the best working libraries that we have," and often is it similarly praised by writers and students who come for knowledge and go away satisfied. Its aim and plan is to make itself *as useful as possible, as cheaply as possible, to as many people as possible;* and it feels it can better serve this purpose in its present capacity as a subscription library than if it were—as many would like to have it—free. Amid the present wide discussion of the Free Library project, abundant has been the speculation as to the attitude and disposition of our Library toward the movement, and many have been the suggestions made to us. The Brooklyn Library is in favor of a great Free Public Library for Brooklyn. It can say to the Free Library "there is room in the world for thee and me." In the Public Library of Boston there are circulated one and one-half millions of books in a year, yet several subscription libraries, larger than any in Brooklyn, thrive in Boston. Brooklyn has twice the population of Boston—let it have a large Free Library, with branches throughout the city, for the masses of people who cannot, or will not pay. Brooklyn is situated "at the chief center of wealth and intelligence and influence" in the country—let it have the subscription libraries with room and quiet for the student who considers $5 a year cheap for the knowledge and accommodation he gains; for the writer who for the outlay of $5 a year is enabled to make his living—thousands of dollars worth of information for less than two cents a day; for the man or woman of means and leisure, who does not need to depend on the free library, and who does not wish to submit to the conditions it must necessarily impose. "In Brooklyn," one of our directors has said, "there will always be a class of people who will prefer to pay for what they get." The Library, since its inception, has increased its advantages thirtyfold, and every year still further amplifies them; yet the cost of membership remains the same. Because of this subscription fee there is a limit to the number who use the Library, and because of this limit there is quiet and room and time for all who come—room for the literary worker to stay as long as he desires; time to give assistance to him; time for a member to be addressed as "Mrs. Smith," for example, and not (as one complained of a free library) to be shrieked at as "16,524." There is also room for more members—plenty of room. That we have but three thousand names out of one million cannot be for the lack of five dollars—cannot be for

the lack of intelligence. It may be because, in this day of many excellent things, people need to have their attention "personally conducted," as it were, to the best, lest they take the substitute nearest at hand. Just here would, perhaps, be room for some judicious advertising, making, however, a material additional expense—which brings us back to our first premise—*money*.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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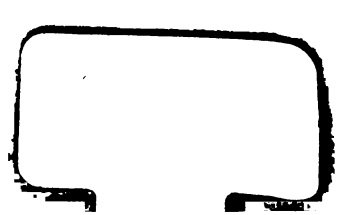
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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

With the present, the Library enters on the fortieth year of its existence. The statistics given below show an increase, since last year's report, in membership, in book-circulation, and in the business generally. The amount spent for books has been somewhat more than last year, while expenses in some other directions have been slightly reduced. Considering the prevailing depression in business, the statistics given show that the Library is appreciated and that it is doing good work. As an evidence of its value as a working collection, it may be stated that the membership lists include the names of men of science and of literary workers who reside in New York but come to Brooklyn to make use of the Brooklyn Library.

BOOKS.

A large number of desirable books have, during the year, been added to the collection. $4,165.20 has been paid for the 2,860 volumes bought, the average cost per volume being a little more than last year. Fiction heads the list, with 1,100 volumes. History and Geography come next, 848 volumes; Science and Industrial Arts 506 volumes. Biography shows an increase of 268 volumes.

The following is a classified table of the additions:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1896.	Additions, 1896–'97.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1896–'97.	Net additions, 1896–'97.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1897.
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels	20,325	864	16	848	21,173
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,566	171	1	170	7,736
Science and Industrial Arts	10,500	509	3	506	11,006
Biography	9,450	271	3	268	9,718
Natural History	2,650	80	3	77	2,727
Fine Arts	4,615	19	..	19	4,634
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,413	13	..	13	2,426
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc.	4,576	142	2	140	4,716
Political, Social and Economic Science	7,166	214	2	212	7,378
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc.	7,972	163	2	161	8,133
Fiction	25,289	1,152	52	1,100	26,389
Foreign Languages	9,912	22	..	22	9,934
Bound Periodicals	8,908	366	1	365	9,273
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	2,957	182	6	176	3,133
Total	124,299	4,168	91	4,077	128,376

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		124,299
Additions by purchase	2,860	
Additions by donations	957	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets	349	
Additions by exchanges with other libraries	2	
	4,168	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	43	
Deduct volumes sold	36	
Deduct volumes exchanged	12	
	91	
		4,077
Total		128,376
Books bought during the year		2,860
Additions by binding		349
Total		3,209

Books purchased amount in cash to	$4,165 20
Books bound amount to	615 65
Total expended for books	$4,780 85

Average cost per volume for books purchased, $1.49.7.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 892.
Total number of books repaired by bookbinder, 108.
Books repaired in Library, 872.
Books covered and lettered, 11,873.

The following are some of the important works added:

Appleton, Annual Cyclopædia, vol. 20.
Annual American Catalogue, 1896.
Brooklyn Art Work; Photogravures.
Connecticut in the Revolution, etc., 2 vols.
Gardner, Hand-book of Greek Sculpture.
Gmelin, German Artistical Handicraft.
Hildeburn, Printers and printing in Colonial N. Y.
O'Connor, Life of Napoleon.
Music, over 200 volumes new music.
Salisbury, Family histories and genealogies, 5 vols.
Scribner, History of the United States, 5 vols.
Stedman, Victorian Anthology.
Tate, Dynamics.
Tryon, Manual of Conchology, vols. 10 and 16.
Whittemore, Founders of the Oranges (N. J.).

MUSIC.

Two hundred volumes of new music have, this year, been added to the Library, thereby increasing the popularity of this department. In many cases a volume comprises several selections bound together. The 200 volumes contain several hundred separate compositions. The selections are largely of recent publications of pianoforte sheet music for two and four hands, and are mostly the works of the modern French and German composers. They were chosen with great care by Mr. Royal L. Porter, organist, of this city.

This department now numbers about 2,000 volumes, and its annual circulation is estimated at 6,000.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received from 439 donors 957 volumes, 1,352 pamphlets, and 5,210 numbers of periodicals, library bulletins, and transactions of societies. Some especially valued gifts were from the donors mentioned:

Dr. Lyman Abbott, 29 volumes.
Mr. J. Benjamin, 30 volumes.
Mr. B. Clarkson, 8 volumes.
Mr. C. P. Dewey, 17 volumes.
Mr. Richard Dodge, 29 volumes.
Col. John Hamilton, U. S. A., 16 volumes.
Mr. H. W. B. Howard, 5 volumes.
Hon. D. M. Hurley, 28 volumes,
Dr. A. Hutchins, 16 volumes.
Mrs. A. G. Lowe, 112 volumes.
Mr. C. C. Martin, 36 volumes.
Mr. James L. Morgan, Jr., 4 volumes.
Mr. H. M. Pilkington, 11 volumes.
Dr. C. H. Shepard, 37 volumes.
Miss M. A. Titcomb, 14 volumes.
Mr. Alfred T. White, 2 volumes.
Mr. William A. White, 10 volumes.
Mr. Henry Whittemore, 3 volumes.
Mr. F. C. Wilson, 83 volumes.
Mr. J. W. Wood, 6 volumes.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers, bound volumes of the *Eagle*, *Citizen*, *Standard Union*, and *Times*.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 8 volumes.

From the United States Government, 199 volumes of the publications of the various departments.

From the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg, 51 volumes State documents.

From the Missouri State Geological Survey, 6 volumes.

From the New York State Department at Albany, 41 volumes.

From the Royal Society of London, 4 volumes.

From the U. S. Treasury Department, 303 maps of the Coast Survey's revised edition, to supplement the former donation of 1893.

From Mr. Wm. A. White, a cash donation for the purchase of books, of $1,500.

From Mr. Alfred T. White, for the purchase of Engineering works, a cash donation of $50.

From Mr. Frank Lyman, for the same purpose, cash $50.

LIST OF DONORS, 1896–97.

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Abbott (*Dr.* L.)	29	186	117
Abigail Free School, N. Y. City		3	
Addyston Pipe and Steel Co., Cincinnati		3	
American Forestry Association		1	1
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
American New Church Tract Society		2	
American Philological Association	1		
Ames (*Mrs.* E. K.)	1		
Andover (Mass.) Theological Seminary		2	
Baillairgé (C.)	3	28	5
Balch (T. W.)	1		
Bardwell (W. A.)			16
Barnard College, N. Y. City		3	
Beekman (B.)	1		
Berian (*Miss*)		15	45
Boosey, *and Co.*, N. Y. City			3
Boston Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners	2		
——— City Engineer		4	
——— City Registry Department	1		
——— Public Library		2	10
——— Street Laying-out Department	1		
——— Transit Commissioners	2		
Bowdoin College		2	2
Brandon (E. J.)	1		
Bridgman (H. L.)	2	4	13
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library		2	6
Brooklyn (City of) *Board of Education*	1		
——— *Board of Elections*	1	2	
——— *Brooklyn Institute*		2	
——— *Brooklyn Union for Christian Work*		6	
——— *Citizen*	5		
——— *City Clerk's office*	30		
——— *Daily Eagle*	5	18	3
——— *Daily Times*	4		
——— *Department of City Water Works*	1		

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Brooklyn (City of) *Department of City Works*	4	9	100
——— *Fire Department*	1		
——— *Mayor's Office*	1		
——— *Park Commissioners*	1		
——— *Standard Union*	2		
Brown (J. S.)			17
Browne (T. B.)	1		
Buffalo Public Library		1	1
Burroughs (J. H.)	2		
Cambridge (Mass.) Water Board		2	
Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa		5	1
Carnegie Steel Co., N. Y. City	1	1	
Cass Realty Corporation, N. Y. City		4	
Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., Boston	1		
Chicago Civil Service Commission	1		
Chicago University	1		
Chimenti (F.)	2		
Church Charity Foundation, Brooklyn		2	
Cilley (J. P.)			5
Cincinnati Public Library		1	3
Clark (*Dr.* C. C. F.)	1		
Clarkson (B.)	8		
Cleveland Public Library			6
Cobden Club, London, Eng		2	2
Columbia University	4	9	4
Congregational Library, Boston		1	1
Connecticut State Board of Health	1		
Cooke (J. P.)	1		
Crichton (J. D.)		4	1
Crocker (U. H.)	1		
Croscup *and Co.*, Jersey City, N. J			2
Cutting (C. H.)		2	
Davies (T. A.)	1		
Davis (C. T.)	1		
Deane Steam Pump Co., Holyoke, Mass		11	
Depew (*Hon.* C. M.)		2	
Dewey (C. P.)	17	2	30
Digest of Physical Tests, Philadelphia			4
Dodge (R. D.)	29		158
Drew Theological Seminary		2	
Eaton (*Mrs.* D. G.)			3
Ecole pratique des hautes études, Paris		2	
Engineering Record, N. Y. City			6
Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Md			3
Farrington (C. E.)			60
Farrington (W. D.)		11	17
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill			6

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Frothingham (J. H.)	2		
Fulton (H.)	1		
Furman (A. H.)	1		
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City		1	1
Geological Survey of Georgia			2
Gerhard (W. P.)	1		
Glens Falls Portland Cement Co		2	
Gunnison (H. S.)	1		
Hackenberg (*Dr.* G. H.)	1		
Hall (J.)		2	
Halliday (*Miss* M. D.)		10	
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	16		20
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library		1	3
Harvard University	1	3	6
Harvard University Library		1	1
Heill (W. von)	1		
Helena (Mon.) Public Library			3
Hester (W.)	1		
Hoepli (U.)	1		
Holland Society, N. Y. City	1		1
Howard (H. W. B.)	5	5	
Howard Association, London		2	1
Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, La	1		1
Howson and Howson, N. Y. City	1		
Hurley (*Hon.* D. M.)	28		
Hutchins (*Dr.* A.)	16		
Hyde *and Co.*, Brooklyn	1		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa			12
Iowa State Geological Survey	1		
Jersey City Free Public Library		1	9
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md			3
Kaviratna (*Dr.* A. C.)			2
Keefer (C. H.)		5	1
Kneipp Medicine Co., N. Y. City		2	
Knights of Malta			9
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	4
Le Plongeon (*Dr.*)	1		4
Library Bureau, Chicago, Ill			3
Link-Belt Engineering Co., N. Y. City	1	2	1
Long Island Historical Society		149	28
Lowe (*Mrs.* A. G.)	112	5	439
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		1	8
McCormick (C. H.)	1		
McKellar, Smith, and Jordan, Philadelphia	1		
Malone (S. L.)	2		
Martin (C. C.)	36	1	15
Massachusetts Institute of Technology		3	

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos
Massachusetts *State Board of Education*	1		
——— *State Board of Health*	3		
——— *State Bureau of Statistics of Labor*		1	4
Master Car-Builders' Association, Chicago	1	1	
Mathews (A.)	1		
May (*Dr.* S. P.)	1	1	1
Memphis (Tenn.) City Engineer		2	
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		1	3
Miscellaneous	1	62	64
Missouri State Geological Society	6		3
Morgan (J. L.), *Jr*	4	4	14
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library			8
New England Society, Brooklyn	2		
New England Waterworks Association			2
New Haven (Conn.) City Clerk	1		
——— Public Library		3	6
New Orleans (La.) Board of State Engineers		2	
Newton (Mass.) City Engineer		7	
——— Free Library		2	1
New York (City) *Academy of Sciences*		1	1
——— *Mayor's Committee on Public Baths*	1		
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	1
——— *N. Y. Central R. R. Co*		2	
——— *N. Y. Historical Society*	1		
——— *N. Y. Meteorological Observatory*	1	2	7
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
New York (State) *Board of Arbitration*	1		
——— *Board of Health*	2	1	9
——— *Bureau of Statistics*	1		
——— *Commissioners of Lunacy*	1		
——— *State Department*	41		
——— *State Factory Inspectors*	1		
——— *State Forest Commission*	2		
——— *State Library*			7
——— *State Railroad Commissioners*	3		
——— *State Reformatory*	1		
——— *State University*	2	4	10
Noyes and Hazen, Boston		2	
Oberlin (O.) College Library		1	1
Ohio State Board of Agriculture		1	2
——— Board of Health	1		4
——— Library	1		
Ontario and Western Railway		50	
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn		1	9
Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y	4	15	7
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md	1	1	

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Pennsylvania State Library	51	34	3
Philadelphia *Department of City Works*	1		
——— *Library Co*			2
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	3
Pierce (*Dr.* E. F.)			52
Pilkington (H. M.)	11	1	1
Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn		2	
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky		2	
Portland (Me.) Board of Trade			3
Portland (Ore.) Library Association			5
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn		1	2
Prescott Steam-Pump Co., Milwaukee, Wis		2	
Preston (S. H.)	1		
Providence (R. I.) *Athenæum*		1	11
——— *Public Library*		1	13
Provost (A. J.), *Jr*	1	2	
Redemptorist College, Ilchester, Md		2	1
Rennslaer Valve-Manufacturing Co., Troy, N. Y	1		
Republican Campaign Committee		31	32
Royal Society of Canada	1		
Royal Society, London, Eng	4	4	10
Russell (*Mrs.*)			55
Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J	1	34	
Rutter (Wm.) Co., Philadelphia	1		
Saint-Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library		2	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		1	12
San Francisco (Cal.) Board of Supervisors	2		
——— Free Public Library		2	4
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		1	1
Seaver (B. F.)	3		
Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn	1		
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)	37	10	
Skilton (J. A.)	1		
Smithsonian Institution	8	1	12
Snow Steam-Pump Works, Buffalo, N. Y		2	
Society for the Study of Inebriety, London, Eng			3
Spahr (C. B.)	1		
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	12
Standard Silica Cement Co., Glens Falls, N. Y		3	
Stillwell-Pierce *and* Smith-Vaile Co., Dayton, O		3	
Stokes (A. P.)	1		
Sutro Library, San Francisco, Cal		3	
Swart (M. V. B.)	2		
Terquem (E.)			12
Thomann (G.)		2	
Thompson (J. P.)	1		
Titcomb (*Miss* M. A.)	14		

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Tree-planting Society, Brooklyn		1	11
Tucker (*Dr.* W. G.)		2	
Tufts College, Mass		3	
Typothetae Society, N. Y. City	1		
United States Government	199	60	645
University of Rochester, N. Y		3	
University of the City of New York		3	
University of Virginia		1	4
Uruguay (Republic of)		4	1
Van Deusen (C. V. C.)	3		
Waldo (*Hon.* G.)			2,602
Wanzer (*Mr.*)			57
Warner (J. D.)		1	17
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill			4
Watertown (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	1
Western Society of Engineers, Chicago, Ill			6
White (A. T.)	2	1	
White (*Miss* F. E.)	3	189	34
White (W. A.)	10	25	21
Whitehouse (F.) *and* Swords (H. C.), N. Y. City	1		
Whittemore (H.)	3		
Wilmington (Del.) Institute		1	1
——— Street and Sewer Department	1		
Wilson (F. C.)	83	1	3
Woburn (Mass.) Board of Water Commissioners		2	
Wood (J. W.)	6	14	22
Wood (R. D.), *and Co.*, Philadelphia	1		1
Woodward (R. P.)	1		
Woolley (*Mrs.* U. T.)	1		95
Yale University	1	2	
Yonkers (N. Y.) Water Board		18	
Totals	957	1,207	5,171
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DUPLICATES.

There are now on hand for sale or exchange 2,357 volumes of duplicate books, an increase of 150 volumes since last year.

CIRCULATION.

The number of books taken for home reading was 95,751 volumes, an increase of 3,635 over 1895.

	1895. Volumes.	1896. Volumes.
First Quarter	27,585	28,017
Second Quarter	22,857	24,215
Third Quarter	16,591	16,871
Fourth Quarter	25,083	26,642
Total	92,116	95,642

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

The annual 24-page bulletin of additions was printed in December, 1896, 12,000 copies of which were distributed by mail as an advertisement of the Library and the advantages it offers to subscribers. Twelve pages were occupied by the selections made from American and English books, four pages by the new music, and four pages by English fiction. The outside pages were taken up by magazine lists and advertising. The weekly lists of additions are to be seen at the Library, and are published with their usual courtesy by the Brooklyn press.

REFERENCE WORK.

This department grows steadily in usefulness and popularity, the number of readers having largely increased during the past year. Every effort is made to render available our excellent collection of books, and to assist in every way possible those who come to the reference room. Liberal appreciation has been expressed and shown by writers and students for the facilities we have been able to offer and which we hope still further to increase. Some of the important works of reference recently added are:

American and English Cyclopædia of law, new ed., Vols. I.-II.
Botticelli—Drawings for Dante's Divina Commedia.
Burke—Landed Gentry of Gt. Britain, 8th ed.
Fairbairn—Book of Crests, new ed., 2 vols.
Gerard—Life of Meissonier.
Historisches Portraitwerk, 6 vols.
Harper—Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities, new ed.
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Representative Works of Contemporary American Artists.

Sumner—History of Banking in all Nations, 4 vols.
Thorpe—Dictionary of Chemistry, 3 vols.
Sargent—Silva of N. America, Vols. IX.-X.
Vasari—Lives of the Painters, new illustrated ed., 4 vols.

READING ROOMS.

These rooms now contain the current files of 49 American and English newspapers, 51 business and illustrated journals, and 228 periodicals of various kinds; in all 328 publications. Their use has been rather greater than last year. The Sunday attendance for 44 afternoons, March 1 to June 28, and September 6 to February 28, was:

Women	125
Men	1,816
Total	1,941

DISTRICT DELIVERIES.

Six thousand, one hundred and sixty-four volumes were delivered through the branch-stations in 1896. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Andrews & Manney, Flatbush avenue, corner Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, corner St. James' place.
L. T. Perkins, 19 Greene avenue, corner Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, corner Taylor street.

A new station is to be established in April at the news-store of Henry G. Lent, No. 796 Flatbush avenue, opposite Lenox road, for the accommodation of patrons residing in Flatbush.

MEMBERSHIP.

The receipts from annual membership for the year were $9,880.60. The number of members on March 1 was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1897)	1,574
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00 (to March 1, 1897)	382
Life members, by payment of $100	477
Life members (original Athenæum subscription)	31
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	274
Total membership on March 1, 1897	2,738
Total Membership on March 1, 1896	2,688
Increase	50

The following deaths have been noted since our last report:

LIFE MEMBERS—Charles B. Caldwell, Roswell S. Benedict, P. H. Duryea, Miss Ellen Thurston, Henry H. Dickenson, D. M. Cumiskey.

PERMANENT MEMBERS — Walter T. Hatch, Aaron Healey, W. S. Herriman, Samuel E. Howard, Fitch J. Stranahan, James P. Wallace, Lyman S. Burnham.

CLUBS.

Several associations exist within the membership of the Library for the purpose of obtaining reduced rates of subscription or other advantages. The "Packer" and "Adelphi" Clubs are examples of organizations holding membership in this manner. The "Northport Club" was made up last summer, its members paying the regular rate of subscription, $5.00 each per annum, but with the agreement on the part of the Library to pay the expenses of the delivery and return of a package of books each week. This plan has been found quite satisfactory to all parties concerned, and the Library is ready to make the same arrangement in other places, when a membership of, at least, twenty, is guaranteed. In cases of this kind blank book-lists and catalogues are supplied by the Library for the use of members of the local club. The Engineers' Club, an organization composed of members of the various branches of this profession, such as Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Marine Engineers, now numbers nearly 100 members, and has the exclusive use of a room in the Library building, where books and periodicals relating to the subject of engineering are kept on file and for ready reference for the use of members of the club.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Three cases of selected clippings have been added to this department: one in biography, one in local history (New York City), and one upon the subject of Genealogy and Family History. This will be indexed, as have already been

the volumes of Biography. The collection now comprises 94 cases.

A large and valuable donation of 137 cases and boxes of clippings was recently made for this department by Miss Berian of 169 Washington Park. This collection will be classified and utilized as fast as time can be spared for the work.

MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

Gifts of maps have been received from the U. S. Geological Survey, including Nos. 1–30 of the new Geologic Atlas. The series of maps to accompany the War of the Rebellion Records is now complete and furnished with a printed index. The total number of maps and charts of the U. S. Coast Survey now in the Library is 473.

1,150 pamphlets have been received since last year. Our collection of pamphlets now numbers 14,150.

LIGHTS.

The cost of lighting the building from March 1, 1896, to February 28, 1897, has been $927.29 against $1,058.00 in 1895, a decrease of $130.71 from last year's expense for this purpose.

FINANCES.

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, sundries and donations	$11,765 90
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account of income, etc	9,649 83
Total	$21,415 73
Actual expenses during the year	$21,244 74
Excess of receipts over expenses	$170 99

In 1890 and 1895 the Directors considered it desirable to acquire the property immediately adjoining, and in the rear of the Library, at 152 and 154 Pierrepont street, it being probable that an extension of the Library premises would be necessary within a few years. The buildings bought were old and not in good condition and it was thought wise to defer making extensive alterations and

repairs. Since its purchase the property has been leased for only a portion of the time and the cost of carrying it has considerably exceeded the income received from rentals. Last year there was an excess of expenses over income from this property or $1,500. The deficiency was made up by gifts already referred to, whereby the work of the Library and the purchase of books were kept up to the usual standard. Repairs are now being made to No. 152, and a tenant is expected when it has been put in good order. The building No. 154 is still occupied at a moderate rental.

For the Board of Directors,

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. HENRY SANGER SNOW, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1896		$27 92
Initiation Fees	$509 00	
Dues	9,371 60	
		9,880 60
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Charles R. Lynde Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	6,000 00	
		9,400 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		249 83
Phonography Class		220 00
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		58 30
Sundries—profit on Books bought, etc.		7 00
Donations		1,600 00
		$21,443 65

Books	$4,202 09	
Less amount from Books sold	36 89	
		$4,165 20
Binding		615 65
Periodicals	1,261 27	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	48 08	
		1,213 19
Salaries		9,950 16
Light	$974 67	
Less amount from Manuf. Ins. Co.	47 38	
	927 29	
Fuel	485 60	
Building and Fixtures	641 41	
Janitor and care of Building	1,296 86	
		3,351 16
Bulletins and Catalogues	303 11	
Stationery and Printing	440 46	
Postage on Bulletins	90 00	
Advertising	48 00	
		881 57
Delivery to Branches	104 30	
Sundries	119 85	
		224 15
Expenses of Librarian to A. L. A. Conference		39 75
Interest paid on Loan	810 00	
Less Interest rec'd from Bank Balances.	6 09	
		803 91
		$21,244 74
By Balance		198 91
		$21,443 65

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year, ending February 28, 1897:

The revenues for the year have been derived solely from rentals of the property of the Corporation. The property No. 152 Pierrepont street has remained unoccupied and unproductive during this period and the sum of $34.65 has been expended in repairs for its proper preservation. A further appropriation from the general income, of $87.34, has been made towards the expenses incident to the acquisition of the property No. 154 Pierrepont street in order to fix the cost thereof upon our books at the exact sum of $20.000.

THE CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr. Balance, February 29, 1896			$41 43
Gross Rentals of No. 154 Pierrepont street			687 50
" " of No. 193 Montague street			3,496 68
" " of No. 201 Montague street			5,723 37
" " of Library Building			2,380 08
			$12,329 06
Dr. Brooklyn Trust Co. Interest on Loan	$38 38		
Long Island Loan and Trust Co. Interest on Loan	684 44		
Interest on Mortgage Loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund	250 00		
Expense Account, No. 152 Pierrepont street	34 65		
" " No. 154 Pierrepont street	69 18		
" " No. 193 Montague street	296 62		
" " No. 201 Montague street	413 07		
" " Library Building	313 20		
Fire Insurance Premium	802 01		
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz.:			
Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00		
" " Martin Fund	600 00		
" " Wood Fund	500 00		
" " Cary Bequest	300 00		
" " Lynde Fund	500 00		
" " General Fund	6,000 00		
		9,400 00	
			12,301 55
Balance, February 27, 1897			$27 51

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 154 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$687 50
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$12 00	
Commissions	17 18	
General Repairs	40 00	
		69 18
Balance, being Net Income		$618 32

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$3,496 68
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$55 51	
Water Rates	18 00	
Fire Insurance	48 00	
Commissions	87 42	
General Repairs	135 69	
		344 62
Balance, being Net Income		$3,152 06

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$5,728 37
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$24 00	
Fire Insurance	48 00	
Commissions	143 09	
General Repairs	245 98	
		461 07
Balance, being Net Income		$5,262 30

Library Building.

Gross Rentals collected		$2,380 08
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Fire Insurance on the Building	161 00	
Commissions	56 25	
General Repairs	214 95	
		474 20
Balance, being Net Income		$1,905 88

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Balance of the Account, February 29, 1896		$41 43
	Net Income from No. 154 Pierrepont Street		618 32
	" " " " 193 Montague Street		3,152 06
	" " " " 201 Montague Street		5,262 30
	" " " the Library Building		1,905 88
			$10,979 99
Dr.	Interest Account	$722 82	
	General Insurance Account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures for the current year	545 01	
	Expenses upon No. 152 Pierrepont Street, including interest upon mortgage loan	284 65	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
	For Income of the Special Fund.. $3,400 00		
	For Income of the General Fund.. 6,000 00		
		9,400 00	
			10,952 48
	Balance, February 27, 1897		$27 51

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$27 51	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate No. 154 Pierrepont Street	20,000 00	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		42,789 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Lynde Fund		10,000 00
Loan from the Brooklyn Trust Company		900 00
Loan from the Long Island Loan and Trust Company		10,000 00
Mortgage Loan on No. 152 Pierrepont Street.		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		27 51
	$288,465 40	$288,465 40

The fire insurance upon the Library property has been continued at the same amounts for the coming year as for the year last passed. The insurances are as follows:

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE:

On the Library Building	$70,000
On Books, etc	90,000
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500
On No. 193 Montague Street	20,000
On No. 201 Montague Street	20,000
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 11, 1897.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I have to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property, No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

There remained, at the date of the last report, March 26, 1896, an unexpended balance of income of $14.74, and there has been received the interest for one year, amounting to $250. The trustees have expended in the purchase of books the sum of $249.83, representing 36 volumes, which have been selected from the current purchases of the Library, and have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

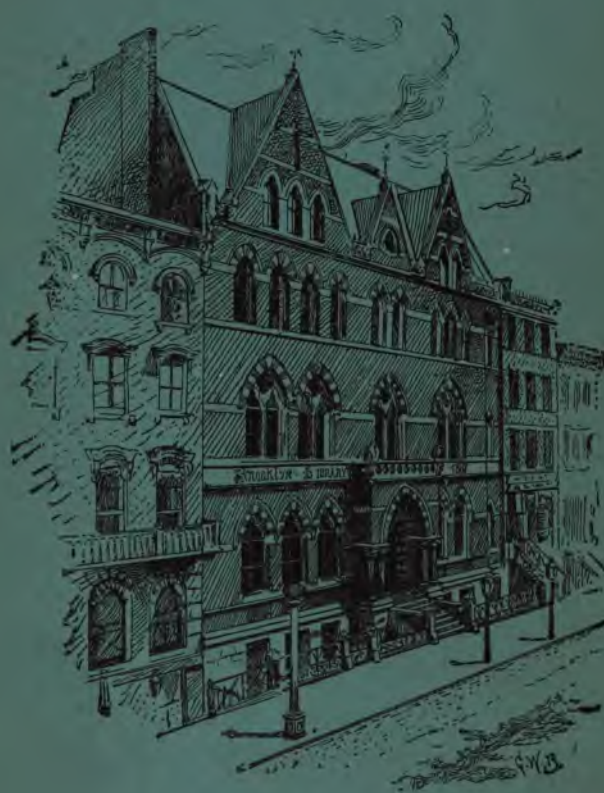
The unexpended balance of income is $14.91. Which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 12, 1897.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

It is now forty years since the Library began its work in the Athenæum building, at the corner of Atlantic and Clinton streets. The first election of officers was held on the 23d of December, 1857, when directors were chosen and committees on "Library," "Finance," "Lectures," and "Superintendence" were appointed. Lectures were delivered during 1858 by Rev. R. S. Storrs, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. E. H. Chapin, Geo. Wm. Curtis, Bayard Taylor and others. The number of volumes on the shelves on May 1, 1858, was 7,000. At the present time the collection contains over 131,000 volumes, an average annual growth of 3,275 volumes since the start. The statistics of the Library's business for the past year are presented as follows:

BOOKS.

Purchases during the year amount to 2,725 volumes, and the receipt from donations and other sources makes a total of 5,427. This has been largely reduced by 442 volumes sent to the Government at Washington for exchange, and the shipment of a collection of over 2,000 volumes of duplicates to the auction room. The net increase is thus reduced to 2,829 volumes instead of the usual average of 4,000 volumes, but space is gained, and the average value of the collection improved by the disposal of superfluous stock, the accumulation of several years.

The following is a classified table of the additions:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1897.	Additions, 1897-'98.	Worn out, sold, exchanged, etc., 1897-'98.	Net additions, 1897-'98.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1898.
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels	21,173	996	710	286	21,459
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,736	159	209		7,686
Science and Industrial Arts	11,006	435	226	209	11,215
Biography	9,718	278	182	96	9,814
Natural History	2,727	80	46	34	2,761
Fine Arts	4,634	81	34	47	4,681
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,426	15	40		2,401
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc.	4,716	184	53	131	4,847
Political, Social and Economic Science	7,378	281	90	191	7,569
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	8,133	125	136		8,122
Fiction	26,389	1,081	207	874	27,263
Foreign Languages	9,934	69	50	19	9,953
Bound Periodicals	9,273	521	189	332	9,605
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	3,133	1,122	426	696	3,829
Total	128,376	5,427	2,598	*2,829	131,205

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year			128,376
Additions by purchase		2,725	
Additions by donations		2,255	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets		410	
Additions by exchange with other libraries		37	
		5,427	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	39		
Deduct volumes sold	2,107		
Deduct volumes sent to the U. S. Government	442		
		2,598	
			2,829
Total			131,205
Books bought during the year			2,725
Additions by binding			410
Total			3,135

*In the classes left blank in this column the decrease of volumes for the year is greater than the increase by a total of 86.

Books purchased amount in cash to	$3,727 16
Books bound amount to	709 95
Total expended for books	$4,437 11

Average cost per volume for books purchased, $1.36.7.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 607.
Total number of volumes repaired by bookbinder, 152.
Books repaired in Library, 1,415.
Books covered and lettered, 9,445.

Some of the important additions are:

Abbott, Life of Jowett, 2 vols.
Tennyson, Life of Alfred Tennyson, 2 vols.
Conway, Spitzbergen.
Costumes French Revolution.
Germany's Iron Chancellor.
Gibbon, Letters and Autobiography, 3 vols.
Hazlitt, Memoirs, 2 vols.
Mahan, Lord Nelson.
Martin, Histoire de France, 8 vols.
Müller, Science of Mythology, 2 vols.
Nansen, Farthest North, 2 vols.
Proceedings Inst. of Civil Engineers, 44 vols.
Queen Victoria, Life, Illus.
Thwaites, Jesuit Relations, vols. 4–16.
Vallance, Life Wm. Morris.

FOREIGN WORKS.

Seventy-three volumes of recent works in the French language were bought, making a desirable addition to this class of literature.

MUSIC.

Thirty-five volumes have been added to this class since our last report.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received from 445 donors 1,526 volumes, 1,168 pamphlets and 4,814 numbers of periodicals, library

bulletins and transactions of societies. Some gifts of special value were from the donors mentioned below:

From Mr. Wm. A. White, a donation of $2,500.

From the estate of the late James P. A. Harper, a complete set of the London *Illustrated News* in 104 volumes, handsomely bound in half morocco.

From the United States Departments, Washington, D. C., 205 volumes of public documents.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 8 volumes.

From the Royal Society of London, 5 volumes.

From the Brooklyn daily newspapers, bound volumes of the *Eagle*, *Citizen*, *Standard Union* and *Times*.

From the New York State Department at Albany, 41 volumes.

From Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, 26 volumes.
" Mr. H. H. Beebe, 30 volumes.
" Mr. W. H. Coleman, 16 volumes.
" Mr. Wm. B. Davenport, 14 volumes.
" Miss J. Delano, 138 volumes.
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" Mrs. W. T. Hatch, 25 volumes.
" Mr. A. A. Hopkins, 12 volumes.
" Mr. L. E. Jones, 22 volumes.
" Mr. E. W. Keyes, 151 volumes.
" Mr. C. C. Martin, 28 volumes.
" Mrs. James L. Morgan, Jr., 7 volumes.
" Dr. N. A. Robbins, 13 volumes.
" Dr. C. H. Shepard, 18 volumes.
" Ex-Mayor Wm. L. Strong, of New York, 7 volumes.
" Mrs. C. Tucker, 38 volumes.
" Mr. Wm. A. White, 23 volumes.
" Mr. John W. Wood, 11 volumes.
" Dr. J. C. Wyman, 17 volumes.

LIST OF DONORS, 1897-98.

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Abbott (*Rev.* L)	22	20	142
Abbott (*Mrs.* L.)	4	21	1
Adams (H. S.)	1	2	21
Albany (N. Y.) Medical College			4
American Colonization Society			3
American Forestry Association		4	1
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
American Oriental Society	1		
Amherst College		2	
Arnott (*Mrs.*),	39		3
Austin (J. O.)	1		
Baillairgé (C.)		3	6
Balch (E. S.)	1		
Bannerjee (Agor Nath.)			2
Barclay (*Miss*)			170
Bardwell (W. A.)		1	1
Barlow (J. R. K.)	1		
Barnes (*Gen.* A. C.)	5		
Bath (Eng.) Mayor's Office		2	
Beard (J. C.)	1		
Beck (F. C. J.)	1		
Beebe (H. H.)	30		1
Beecher (E. N.)	1		
Beekman (*Mrs.* B.)	1		
Beloit College (Wis.)		2	
Benjamin (J.)	2		
Bergen (*Mrs.* T. J.)		2	
Blackford (*Hon.* E. G.)	1		
Blaisdell (A. O.)	6		
Boston (Mass.) Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners	1		
—— Boston Book Co			4
—— Public Library		4	14
—— Transit Commissioners	2		
—— Y. M. C. Union	1		
Bowdoin College		2	1
Bowker (R. R.)	4	1	16
Bridgman (H. L.)	1	9	20
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn		2	
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library			4
Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Board of Education*	1	1	
—— *Board of Elections*	1		
—— *Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital*			3
—— *Brooklyn Institute*	1		
—— *Citizen*	2		

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Daily Eagle*	11	1	1
——— *Daily Times*	4		
——— *Department of Health*	1		
——— *Department of Public Parks*	1		
——— *Mayor's Office*	1		
——— *Public Library Association*		2	
——— *Standard Union*	2		
——— *Union for Christian Work*		3	
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
Brown University		4	
Brownell (T. F.)	15	5	44
Buffalo (N. Y.) Common Council		2	
——— Public Library		2	
Burney (*Maj.-Gen.* W.)	1		
Case Library (Cleveland, O.)		2	
Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y	1		
Cilley (J. P.)			2
Cincinnati Public Library		2	7
Colby University		5	
Coleman (W. H.)	16	138	46
Collette (J. C.)	11	61	334
Colorado Medical Library Association		1	1
Columbia University	3	2	7
Commelin (*Mrs.* A. O.)	1		
Connecticut State Board of Health	1		
Cornell University		2	1
Crookes (W.)	1		
Dabney (R. H.)		2	
Davenport (W. B.)	14	1	967
Delano (*Miss* J.)	138	24	12
Dewey (C. P.)	52	11	13
Dodge (R. W.)	7		
Drew Theological Seminary		2	
Duval (G.)	1		
Earle (*Mrs.* H.)			8
Eaton (*Mrs.* D. G.)	5	7	7
Eggleston (H. J.)	29		
Elezovic (F.)	1	1	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md		2	5
Fairmount Park Association		1	2
Farrington (C. E.)	1		52
Farrington (W. D.)	1	4	1
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill	2		6
Fielde (H. M.)	1		
Frothingham (J. S.)	1		
Fulcher (J. A.)	103	3	

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos
General Society of Mechanics, N. Y. City		1	10
Gerhard (W. P.)	41	79	30
Girard College	1		
Grosvenor Free Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y			4
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	7	1	
Harper (J. A.)	104		
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library		1	3
Harvard Astronomical Observatory		2	2
Harvard University		1	2
Hatch (W. T.)	25		
Haugknout (*Mrs.* M.)	1		
Hearne (W.)			68
Herries (W.)	1		
Higley (W.)	1		
Holland Society, N. Y. City	1		
Hopkins (A. A.)	12	3	21
Howard (H. W. B.)	4	33	1
Hucke (J.)			2
Huntington (S. E.)	2		54
Hurley (*Hon.* D. M., *M. C.*)		1	1
Illinois Bureau of Labor	1		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa			14
Indianapolis (Ind.) Monetary Convention		3	
——— Public Library		2	
Iowa Geological Society	2		
—— Masonic Library			4
Jersey City Free Public Library		1	7
John Crerar Library, Chicago, Ill		2	
Jones (L. E.)	22	5	
Kent (W. H.)	2		
Kenyon College		2	
Keyes (*Mrs.* E. M.)	151	67	3
Kimberley (*Miss* A.)	8		
Kinsella (M. V.)		2	
Law Notes			3
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	4
Leach (J. G.)	1		
Lemcke *and* Buechner, N. Y. City	1	1	4
Le Plongeon (*Dr.*)			5
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C	1		
Lilly (E. *and Co.*)		2	
Long Island Historical Society		1	11
Low (*Hon.* Seth)		2	
Lowber (*Miss* E. E.)	4		24
Lowell (S. V.)		18	
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library		1	5

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Macarthy (L. A.)			349
Mackin (H. G.)			145
Macmillan *and Co.*, N. Y. City			2
Maine State Forest Commission	1		
Manchester (Eng.) Public Free Libraries			2
Manney (C. F.)	1	2	5
Martin (C. C.)	28	97	12
Martin (*Mlle.* D.)	2		
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		4	
Massachusetts State Board of Education	1		
——— State Bureau of Labor	1		1
——— State Railroad Commissioners	4		
Michigan State Board of Health	2	3	
Milhau (*Mrs.* H.)		3	348
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		2	7
Minnesota Geological Survey	1		
——— Historical Society		1	2
Miscellaneous	2	28	82
Monthly Index of Periodical Literature			4
Morgan (J. L., *jr.*)	7		
Morton (*Dr.* H. M.)		2	
Myers (C. H)	2		66
Nash (W. A.)	2		
Nast (F. A.)	1		
National Single Taxer			59
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		2	6
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		1	10
New Jersey State Bureau of Statistics	1		
——— State Geological Survey	1		
——— State Library	2		
New York (*City*) *Academy of Sciences*			2
——— *Chamber of Commerce*	1		
——— *Civil Service Reform Association.*		3	
——— *Free Circulating Library*			3
——— *Historical Society*	1		
——— *Mayor's Office*	7		
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	
——— *N. Y. Meteorological Observatory.*	1		17
——— *N. Y. Society Library*		1	1
——— *N. Y., Ontario & Western Ry*		12	
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Public Library*			21
——— *Young Men's Christian Association*		2	
New York (*State*) *Board of Arbitration*	2		
——— *Board of Charities*	16	6	
——— *Board of Health*	2		11

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
New York (*State*) *Commissioners to International Cotton Exposition*	1		
——— *Department of State*	84		1
——— *Library*	6	2	11
——— *Lunacy Commission*	7	1	
——— *Railroad Commissioners*	2		
——— *University*			3
New York Statutory Revision Commissioners	5		
Noyes (J. B.)	1	3	
Ohio State Board of Agriculture		1	3
——— Board of Health	1		7
——— Library		3	1
Order of Knights of Malta			7
Otis Library (Norwich, Conn.)		1	10
Oxford Shorthand Society			2
Packer Institute, Brooklyn	9	70	41
Parry (*Mrs.* W. H.)	3		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md	1	1	
Philadelphia Free Library	1	1	
——— Library Co			2
——— Mercantile Library			3
Phillips (*Mrs.* G. E.)	2		
Pike (*Col.* N.)	2		
Portland (Me.) Board of Trade			3
Potter (A. M.)	1		
Pratt (F. S. *and* C. H.)	1		
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn		2	4
Prentiss (G. H.)		7	147
Princeton University		2	
Providence (R. I.) Athenæum			5
——— Public Library		2	11
Provost (A. J., *jr.*)	2		34
Putnam's (G. P.) Sons			2
Rea (G. B.)	1		
Reicard (F. A.)	3		
Reynold's Library, Rochester, N. Y	1		
Riehle (F. A.)			3
Roberts (J.)	1		
Roberts (*Hon.* J. A.)	1		
Robbins (*Dr.* N. A.)	13		
Royal Society, London, Eng	5	2	19
Russell (*Mrs.*)			93
Saint-Joseph (Mo.) Free Public Library		1	5
Saint-Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library		2	1
——— Public Library		1	1
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		1	11

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
San Francisco (Cal.) Free Public Library		2	12
Schiff (*Mrs.* L. W.)		5	178
Scientific American	1		
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		1	3
Seaver (B. F.)	3		1
Shakespeare Memorial Library, Stratford-upon-Avon, Eng		2	
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)	18	2	
Shepard *and* John (*Messrs.*)	1		
Smith (*Miss* E. F.)			11
Smithsonian Institution	4	3	4
Society for study of inebriety, London, Eng			4
Society of Naval Architects	1		
Society of Philistines, Aurora, N. Y			2
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library		2	10
Sound Currency		2	1
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		1	11
Steward (J. F.)	1		
Stockel (C.)	1		
Stranahan (J. S.)	3	37	159
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	1
Temple Publishing Co., Denver, Colo		1	3
Terquem (E.)			8
Topham (*Dr.* T. W.)	1		
Tree and Fountain Society, Brooklyn, N. Y		1	1
Tucker (*Mrs.* C.)	38		
Tufts College		2	
United States Government	197	69	512
University of Michigan		3	
University of Nebraska			7
University of Pennsylvania		3	
University of Virginia			2
Varona (J. M. de)	1		
Velie (E. B.)	1		
Waldo (*Hon.* G. E.)	1		
Waldo (*Miss* O. E.)	1		
Warner (J. D.)			4
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill			2
Washington Book Chronicle			4
White (A. T.)	1		
White (J. H.)	1		
White (W. A.)	23	26	13
Whymper (E.)	1		
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Winthrop (C. C.)	1		
Wisconsin State Historical Society		3	

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Wiziarde (R.)		1	3
Wood (J. W.)	11	3	17
Woodward (R. P.)	1		
Worcester (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Wyman (*Dr.* J. C.)	17		
Yale University	1	1	
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Last year the total of duplicates was 2,357 volumes, besides a small number of duplicate State and local documents, 729 volumes being added during the year and 2,091 volumes sold at auction. Three hundred and fifty-four volumes, Government documents, have been returned to Washington for the benefit of those who need them.

The account now stands as follows:

Duplicate volumes on hand, March 1, 1897.....		2,357
Added, 1897–'98.....		729
		3,086
Sold during year.....	2,091	
U. S. Documents returned.....	354	2,445
Number of volumes on hand, March 1, 1898.....		641

CIRCULATION.

The number of volumes taken out for home reading was 97,530, an increase of 1,785 over last year's delivery.

	1896.	1897.
First Quarter	28,017	29,565
Second Quarter	24,215	25,164
Third Quarter	16,871	16,789
Fourth Quarter	26,642	26,012
	95,745	97,530

The circulation through six district deliveries has been 4,747 volumes. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
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Albert E. Marsland, 19 Greene avenue, corner Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, corner Taylor street.
H. T. Lent, 796 Flatbush avenue, opposite Lenox road.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1898)	1,423
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00 (to March 1, 1898)	437
Life members, by payment of $100	465
Life members (original Athenæum subscription)	31
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	275
Total membership on March 1, 1898	2,631
Total membership on March 1, 1897	2,738
Decrease	107

The following have deceased since our last report:

PERMANENT.—John T. Martin, Franklin Woodruff, William T. Buckley.

LIFE MEMBERS.—Aaron Field, Charles L. Boorum, Stephen H. Camp, Edward H. Arnold, Michael Chauncey, Stephen Condit, George A. Bell, Dwight Johnson, William B. Kendall, Theodore Dreier, Coe Adams.

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

Bulletin of additions, No. 36, was printed in December and 12,000 copies were distributed as an advertisement of the Library.

Five pages of the Bulletin were given to *English Fiction*, a page to *Music* and *Foreign Works*, and fourteen pages to a selection from the best books in other classes that have been acquired during the year.

The Card Catalogue, which contains all additions, has been kept complete to date by authors, titles and subjects. Special type-written lists of books and magazine articles on current topics, such as "Cuba," "Hawaii," "The Klondike," etc., are placed on the tables in the Book-Delivery Room and the Reference Department. The weekly lists of additions are posted near the Card Catalogues, and are published with their usual courtesy by the Brooklyn press.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Four cases have been added to this department, one each in Biography, Botany, Coins and Medals, and in the local history of New York City. The collection now contains 95 boxes or volumes. There is a large quantity of material collected for use in this direction, but as time can only be spared for the work in the summer, growth is slow. The clippings, so far as they have been developed, have been found quite useful, and repay the time spent in their preparation, as they contain matter not usually to be found elsewhere.

MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

Additional sheets of the U. S. Geologic Atlas have been sent from the office of publication in Washington. Also 1,158 pamphlets have been received. The collection, exclusive of duplicates, now numbers over 15,000.

ENGINEERS' CLUB.

The collection of scientific works shelved in the Engineers' Club Room has been materially increased by additions of recent publications, and the whole collection has

been rearranged and renumbered with shelf numbers adapted to the contents of this room. The sum of $123.70 has been expended during the past year in subscriptions for new and for back volumes to complete sets of older engineering periodicals for the club. This accounts, for the most part, for the increase of $126.94 as compared with last year's report, in the item of periodicals.

FUND LABELS.

It has been the custom for many years to affix a special book-plate to books purchased by its Trustees from the income of the Cary fund. Labels have now been designed and printed to designate books bought from the income of other special funds and bequests belonging to the Library.

These are as follows:

The Alexander M. White Fund.
The John T. Martin Fund.
The Loftis Wood Bequest.
The Charles R. Lynde Bequest.
The Maria Cary Bequest.

REFERENCE WORK.

The constantly increasing use of the Reference Department gives evidence of the growing appreciation of our collection as a working or reference library. The Reference Room has been visited and used during the past year by upwards of 15,000 persons, many of them students of the Packer and Polytechnic Institutes, to whom the department is made available.

There are now over 2,000 volumes shelved in the room besides books of reference placed elsewhere in their various classes. The collection of Atlases, Directories, Almanacs, Newspapers, and Magazines have shown particularly increased use. The first volume of the large new atlas, mounted on linen, of Greater New York has been bought, and among other important additions to the department are the following:

Am. and Engl. Cyclopædia of Law, 2d Ed., Vols. 3-6.
Appleton's Annual Cyclopædia, 1896.
Bibliographica, 3 Vols.
Bliss, Cyclopædia of Social Reform.

Burke, Peerage, edition of 1898.
Commercial Directory American Republics, Vol. 1.
Edwards, Butterflies of the United States, Vol. 3.
Gibson, London.
Hawthorne, Literature of all nations, Vols. 1-7.
Morris, French Illustrations, Folio.
Musée de Cluny, 2 Vols.
Nat. Cyclop. Amer. Biography, Vol. 7.
Newton, Dictionary of Birds.
Parkman, Works, Champlain Ed., Vols. 1-16.
Ridpath, Universal History, 16 Vols.
Seidl, Music of the Modern World, 2 Vols.
Sienkiewicz, Quo Vadis, Illus. ed., 2 Vols.
Sloan, Life Napoleon Buonaparte, 4 Vols.
Warner, Library World's Best Literature, 30 Vols.

READING ROOMS.

These have been well patronized. In addition to the current files of 330 periodicals and newspapers in the rooms, bound sets of the magazines most in use are kept near at hand in the alcoves adjoining this room and the Reference Hall. Bound files of the Brooklyn newspapers are shelved in the Reference Room, where they are readily accessible and are much used. A few of the least important periodicals were dropped on the first of the year, and their places filled with others more in request.

The Sunday Reading Room attendance for 43 days, March 27 to June 27, and September 5 to February 27, 1898, was as follows:

Women	149
Men	1,735
Total	1,884

FINANCES.

Actual receipts for the year from subscribers, classes, sundries and donations	$12,070 68
Actual receipts for the year from the Trustees on account of income, etc	9,400 49
Total	$21,471 17
Actual expenses during the year	21,108 41
Excess of receipts over expenses	$362 76

For the Board of Directors,

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. HENRY SANGER SNOW, TREASURER, *in Account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1897		$198 91
Initiation Fees	$442 00	
Dues	7,574 15	
Extra Books	1,395 05	
Fines	72 72	
		9,483 92
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	$1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Charles R. Lynde Fund	500 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	5,750 00	
		9,150 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		250 49
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		48 35
Sundries—Profit on Books bought, etc		38 41
Donation		2,500 00
		$21,670 08

Books	$3,727 16	
Less amount from Books sold	222 94	
		$3,504 22
Binding		709 95
Periodicals	$1,381 98	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	41 85	
		1,340 13
Salaries		9,880 73
Light	$985 62	
Less amount from Citizens' Union	17 64	
		967 98
Fuel	$556 85	
Building and Fixtures	396 69	
Janitor and care of Building	1,295 80	
		2,249 34
Bulletins and Catalogues	$276 19	
Stationery and Printing	476 96	
Postage on Bulletins	90 00	
Advertising	32 75	
		875 90
Delivery to Branches	$110 00	
Sundries	156 16	
		266 16
Interest paid on Loan		1,313 00
		$21,107 41
By balance		562 67
		$21,670 08

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year ending February 28, 1898:

The revenues for the year have again been derived solely from rentals of the property of the Association. The property No. 152 Pierrepont street was early in the year repaired, at considerable expense, to fit it for occupancy. The tenant, however, remained but a portion of the year, and it has since been vacant. For the coming year all the premises of the Library have been rented. The insurance rates for the ensuing year have also been favorably modified, whereby a material saving in premium will be made.

THE CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr.	Balance, February 27, 1897			$27 51
	Gross Rentals of No. 152 Pierrepont street			266 68
	" " of No. 154 Pierrepont street			750 00
	" " of No. 193 Montague street			4,433 39
	" " of No. 201 Montague street			4,752 52
	" " of Library Building			2,018 00
	Interest on balances, Brooklyn Trust Company			3 00
				$12,251 10
Dr.	Brooklyn Trust Company, Interest on Loan		$22 50	
	Long Island Loan and Trust Company, Interest on Loan		400 00	
	Interest on Mortgage Loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund		250 00	
	Expense Account, No. 152 Pierrepont street		580 89	
	" " No. 154 Pierrepont street		60 75	
	" " No. 193 Montague street		470 90	
	" " No. 201 Montague street		301 98	
	" " Library Building		110 91	
	" " Stationery		9 25	
	Fire Insurance Premium		875 71	
	Payments to the Board of Directors, viz.:			
	Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00		
	" " Martin Fund	600 00		
	" " Wood Fund	500 00		
	" " Cary Bequest	300 00		
	" " Lynde Fund	500 00		
	" " General Fund	5,750 00		
			9,150 00	
				12,232 89
	Balance, February 28, 1898			$18 21

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$266 68
Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$14 00	
Insurance	3 25	
Commissions	6 67	
General Repairs	560 22	
Interest on Mortgage Loan	250 00	
		834 14
Balance, being Deficiency		$567 46

No. 154 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$750 00
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$12 00	
Commissions	18 75	
General Repairs	30 00	
		60 75
Balance, being Net Income		$689 25

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$4,433 39
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$51 94	
Water Rates	18 00	
Fire Insurance	43 75	
Commissions	110 83	
General Repairs	240 13	
Janitor	50 00	
		514 65
Balance, being Net Income		$3,918 74

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$4,752 52
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$20 21	
Water Rates	24 00	
Fire Insurance	56 25	
Commissions	118 81	
General Repairs	88 96	
Janitor	50 00	
		358 23
Balance, being Net Income		$4,394 29

Library Building.

Gross Rentals collected		$2,018 00
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Fire Insurance on the building	161 00	
Commissions	38 13	
General Repairs	30 78	
		271 91
Balance, being Net Income		$1,746 09

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Balance of the Account, February 27, 1897		$27 51
	Net Income from No. 154 Pierrepont Street		689 25
	" " " No. 193 Montague Street		3,918 74
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		4,394 29
	" " " the Library Building		1,746 09
			$10,775 88
Dr.	Interest Account	$419 50	
	General Insurance Account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures for the current year.	605 00	
	Expense Account	9 25	
	Balance of Expenses upon No. 152 Pierrepont Street, including interest upon mortgage loan...	567 46	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
	For Income of the Special Funds.. $3,400 00		
	For Income of the General Fund... 5,750 00		
		9,150 00	
			10,751 21
	Balance, February 28, 1898		$24 67

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$18 21		
Insurance Premium Account	6 46		
Investment Account	600 00		
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00		
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00		
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00		
Real Estate No. 154 Pierrepont Street	20,000 00		
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00		
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89		
Building Fund		$169,161 00	
Book Fund		587 50	
Carried Forward	$288,462 56	$169,748 50	

Brought Forward	$288,462 56	$169,748 50
General Fund		42,789 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Lynde Fund		10,000 00
Loan from the Brooklyn Trust Company		900 00
Loan from the Long Island Loan and Trust Company		10,000 00
Mortgage Loan on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		24 67
	$288,462 56	$288,462 56

Subsequent to the Report of March 11, 1897, the amounts of fire insurance upon the Library property were changed so as to increase the insurance upon books and to reduce that upon the office buildings Nos. 193 and 201 Montague street. The insurances as so modified have been continued for the coming year, and are as follows:

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE:

On the Library Building	$70,000
On Books, etc	100,000
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500
On No. 193 Montague Street	12,500
On No. 201 Montague Street	12,500
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 17, 1898.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I have to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the Trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

There remained at the date of the last report, March 12, 1897, an unexpended balance of income of $14.91, and there has been received the interest for one year, amounting to $250. The Trustees have expended in the purchase of books the sum of $250.49, representing 59 volumes, which have been selected from the current purchases of the Library, and have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

The unexpended balance of income is $14.42. Which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 7, 1898.

BROOKLYN, March 11, 1898.

To the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Library:

In accordance with Section 2 of Article IV. of the By-Laws, the following report of the Executive Committee is respectfully submitted for the year ending February 28, 1898.

The Trust Funds of the Library continue to be, as for a number of years past, invested in the property immediately adjacent to the Library Building. The buildings have been kept in good order during the past year. An expenditure

of $574 was made on No. 152 Pierrepont street, and a lease of this building has just been made for three years at $600 per annum. The rental value of offices vacant during the past year has amounted to about $1,500. For the ensuing year, the gross rentals are $13,400, and there is one office not yet actually rented, estimated at $600.

The investment in the buildings Nos. 152 and 154 Pierrepont street, which cost the Library $45,000, continues to be a very unremunerative one, the net return for the year being $122.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

By W. A. WHITE,

Chairman.

LIST OF PERMANENT AND LIFE MEMBERS.

APRIL 1, 1898.

PERMANENT MEMBERSHIPS.

Adams (Coe)
Allin (Mrs. Geo. A.)
Arnold (Mrs. M. N.)
Battell (Joseph)
*Baxter (A.)
*Baylis (A. B.)
Baylis (Chas. S.)
Beale (Jno. C.)
*Beard (Wm.)
*Benson (A. W.)
Benson (Frank S.)
Benson (Miss Mary)
Blake (Mrs. E. W.)
Blatchford (Miss Amy)
Blossom (Grace L.)
Blossom (Kath. E.)
Boocock (S. W.)
Brooklyn Gas Light Co.
*Brooks (Thos.)
*Bryer (Benj.)
*Buck (R. P.)
Buckley (Chas. R.)
Buckley (John D.)
*Buckley (T. T.)
Buckley (W. T.)
Bullard (John)
Burnham (Mrs. Emma)
Caldwell (A. I.)
Caldwell (S. B.)
*Camp (C. B.)
Carhart (Wm. E.)
Carver (Benj.)
*Cary (Geo. S.)
*Cary (Mrs. Maria)
Carey (Stephen W.)
Chittenden (Alice H.)
Chittenden (Anna G.)
Chittenden (Mary H.)
*Chittenden (S. B.)
Chittenden (S. B.)
Chittenden (S. B., Jr.)
Church of the Messiah
*Claflin (H. B.)
Claflin (John D.)
Claflin (Mary)
Clark (B. E.), Est. of
*Clark (Franklin E.)
*Clark (Pickering)
Colton (Walter E.)
Cook (Miss E. A.)
*Corlies (E. W.)
*Cornell (Peter C.)
Crampton (Edwin H.)
Crampton (Mahlon B.)
Croxson (Mrs. M. S.)
Curtis (Jeremiah)
Davenport (Wm. B.)
*Dodge (Edward)
Dodge (Wm. E.)
Douglas (Geo. B.)
Dows (David)
Dunton (Wm. C.)
Durant (Thos. C.)
*Duryea (S. B.)
Dutcher (Helvetia B.)
Duyckinck (R. B.)
Eames (Miss Elizabeth)
Eames (Miss Mary C.)
*Earle (Alex. M.)
Edes (Henry H.)
Farnham (Frank W.)
Fayerweather (D. B.)
First Unitarian Cong. Society
Fowler (Sylvanus L.)
Fowler (Thos. C.)
Fowler (Wm. A.)
Fowler (Wm. C.)
French (John)
Frothingham (B. T.)
Frothingham (Mrs. C. W.)
Frothingham (James H.)
Frothingham (John S.)
Gleason (Joseph M.)
Gookin (Warren D.)
Greene (J. Warren)
*Green (Sidney)
*Hatch (Walter T.)
Havemeyer (Chas. W.)
Haxtun (Mrs. A. A.)
*Healy (Aaron)
Healy (A. Augustus)
Healy (Frank)
Herriman (Mrs. H. V. B.)
*Herriman (S. H.)
*Herriman (W. S.)
Hinsdale (Mrs. G. W.)
Hopkins (L. R.)
Howard (Mrs. Pamela A.)
Hulbert (Milan)
*Hunt (Thos.)
Huntington (Mrs. M. L.)
*Husted (S. L.)
Husted & Carll
*Hutchinson (J. B.)
Indus. School and H. D. C.
James (D. Willis)
*Journeay (H. P.)
King (Frank T.)
Lacey (Fred'k), Est. of
Langley (W. H.)
Litchfield (E. H.)
Little (Wm. Mayo)
Lord (Miss M. Agnes)
*Low (Abbot A.)
*Low (Abiel A.)
Low (Chas. P.)
Low (Miss Harriette)
Low (Henry C.)
Low (Seth)
Low (Wm. G.)
Lowber (Mrs. Eliza E.)
*Lunt (Benj. P.)

* Deceased.

Lunt (Geo. D.)
Lusk (Anna H.)
Lusk (Mary E.)
Lyman (E. H. R.)
Lyman (Frank)
*Lyman (Joseph)
McLean (Thos.)
Martin (John T.)
*Martin (Miss Maria J.)
Mason (Eliza A.)
Mason (John W.)
Masters (Mrs. Juliet E.)
Mather (Mrs. Caroline G.)
Maxwell (H. W.)
*Mellen (W. H.)
Merian (Alfred)
*Messenger (Thos.)
Moodey (Moser K.)
Moulton (Francis D.)
Myers (Henry V. S.)
Myers (Mrs. Martha E.)
Norris (John B.)
Noyes (Jennie L.)
Oliphant (James H.)
Orr (Alex. E.)
Orr (Mrs. Margaret S.)
Osborne (Alice A.)
Palmer (Mrs. Maria D.)
Pierrepont (Mrs. Ellen L.)
Pierrepont (Henry E., Jr.)
Pierrepont (John J.)
Place (Ephraim B.)
Polhemus (Mrs. C. H.)
Polhemus (Mrs. Maria)
Pratt (Charles)
*Prentice (James H.)
Prentiss (George H.)
Pryor (Roger A., Jr.)
Pryor (Wm. R.)
Quinby (Franklin)
Reeve (Henry G.)
Richardson (Enos)
*Robbins (Amos)
*Robbins (D. C.)
Robbins (Eli)
Roberts (Lewis)
Robinson (Geo. C.)
Robinson (Harriet W.)
*Robinson (Jeremiah P.)
*Rockwell (James S.)
*Ropes (Reuben W.)
Sand (Alice O. L.)
Sanford (Edward S.)
Sanger (Mrs. Susie M.)
Sanger (Wm. Cary)
Sheldon (Anna E.)
Sheldon (Henry)
Sheldon (Henry K.)
*Sheldon (Wm. C.)
Shortt (Mrs. Lucy E. L.)
Simpkins (John), Est. of
Smith (L. N.)
Spencer (Geo. G.)
Steel (Robert A.)
Stephenson (Geo. S.), Est. of
*Stewart (Alex. T.)
Stewart (Samuel B.)
Stone (Thos.)
Stranahan (Mrs. Clara H.)
Swan (Wm. H.)
*Talmage (Wm. H.)
*Tatham (Chas. B.)
Taylor (Franklin E.)
*Woodward (Wm. S.)
Taylor (James R.)
Taylor (Wm. Ambrose)
*Thayer (George A.)
Tilton (Theodore)
*Titus (James H.)
Torrance (Henry)
Valentine (Mrs M. A.S.)
Van Anden (Frank)
Van Anden (Susan M.)
Van Sinderen (Adrian)
*Van Wagenen (G. Hubert)
Van Wyck (Richard), Est. of
*Wallace (James P.)
Wallace (Mrs. Juliet)
Ward (Ferdinand)
Ward (John S.)
Waters (Mrs. Ann E.)
*Webster (Thos.)
Weir (James, Jr.)
Wellington (Isaac B.)
White (Alex. M.)
White (Alfred T.)
White (Mrs Annie J.)
White (Miss Frances E.)
White (George U.)
White (Miss Harriette H.)
*Whitney (J. F.)
Wickes (Wm. W.)
Wight (Peter B.)
Wilson (Frank A.)
Woodruff (A. V. S.)
*Woodruff (Franklin)
Woodruff (Franklin, Jr.)
Woodruff (Miss Lilian)
Woodruff (Mrs. Phœbe J.)

*Deceased.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Abbot (Abiel)
Abbot (Edward B.)
Abbot (Frank P.)
Achelis (Fritz)
Achelis (John)
Achelis (Julie)
Achelis (Thos., Jr.)
Adams (Mrs. A. C.)
Adams (Calvin T.)
Adams (C. F.)
Adams (Ernest H.)
Adams (Thos. B.)
Allin (Frank W.)
Armour (Herman O.)
Armour (Miss Julianna)
Arnold (Frank)
Arnold (Minnie)
Arnold (Richard)
Atwater (J. C.)
Baker (A. W.)
Baker (Mrs. E. H.)
Baker (S. T.)
Balch (James M.)
Baldwin (A. C.)
Barnes (Alfred C.)
Barnes (Emily T.)
Barnes (Henry B.)
Barnes (Henry W.)
Barnes (John C.)
Bates (Robert)
Baxter (Geo. N.)
Baxter (James N.)
Beale (John C.)
Beard (Franklin)
Beard (Mary A.)
Beebe (Chas. W.)
Beers (James L.)
Bell (H. G.)
Benedict (Miss Jessie)
Benedict (Robert D.)
Benner (Hiram)
Bentley (Emily M.)
Bentley (Norman S.)
Bentley (Wm. Otis)
Bergen (Geo. W.)
Bliss (Wm. R.)
Blossom (Edward L.)
Blossom (Frederick A.)
Blossom (James B.)
Bolles (Rev. E. C.)
Boorum (Chas. L.)
Booth (Mrs. C. A.)
Brackett (Geo. C.)
Bradley (Lucius)
Breath (Miss Helen M.)
Brett (Pierre V. A.)
Brett (W. G.)
Bridge (Chas. E.)
Brown (J. R.)
Brown (Wm. J.)
Brunn (Julius W.)
Bryer (Albert C.)
Bryer (Leander D.)
Buckingham (John A.)
Bulkley (Andrew)
Bulkley (Helena P.)
Bulkley (Jonathan)
Bulkley (Theodora)
Bullard (Mrs. Enoch P.)
Bullard (Lewis H.)
Bunting (T. B.)
Burnap (F. P.)
Butler (James L.)
Caldwell (Isabella McN.)
Caldwell(Miss Louise T.)
Callender (James H.)
Callender (Thos. O.)
Camp (Rev. S. H.)
Canfield (Rev. A. J.)
Capers (Webster)
Carpenter (Rev. H. S.)
Cassidy (Georgia A.)
Cassidy (Jessie J.)
Cassidy (Meeta)
Chadwick (Mrs. Florence A.)
Chadwick (Rev. J. W.)
Chapman (Mrs. Alfred B.)
Chapman (John W.)
Chapman (Mrs. Leila T.)
Chapman (Mrs. Maria B.)
Chapman (Thos. Brownell)
Chauncey (Mrs. G. W.)
Chittenden (Alice Hill)
Coffin (Alfred M.)
Cole (Jacob)
Cole (J. B.)
Corlies (Arthur)
Corlies (Howard)
Corlies (Thos.)
Cortelyou (Mrs. Peter)
Cox (Rev. I. F.)
Crehan (Chas. E.)
Cromwell (Seymour L.)
Cross (Wm. T.)
Cruger (Miss Eleanor)
Cunningham (Mrs. F. W.)
Curtis (Geo. N.)
Curtis (Jeremiah W.)
Darrow (Mrs. A. M.)
Davenport (C. B.)
Davol (Wm. H.)
Day (Miss Sarah J.)
Dearborn (David B.)
Denny (Chas. A.)
Dike (Ada M.)
Dike (Albyn P.)
Dike (Eugene A.)
Dike (Harrison)
Dike (Jas. P., Jr.)
Dike (Jeannie S.)
Dike (Jessie S.)
Dike (Norman S.)
Dixon (C. P.)
Dixon (Cortlandt P., Jr.)
Dixon (Geo. Arthur)
Dixon (Wm. P.)
Dorr (John Dennis)
Dougherty (Andrew)
Douglas (Thos.)
Dowd (Mrs. Sarah)
Dows (Susan H.)
Drake (Luella K.)

Dunham (Wm. S.)
Dunning (Clarence S.)
Dunning (Henry A.)
Dunning (Mary E.)
Dunton (Sarah P.)
Durkee (Eugene R.)
Duryea (Harmanus B., Jr.)
Duryea (Mrs. S. B.)
Dwight (Frederick A.)
Eastman (Smith J.)
Edes (Harry H.)
Elkins (M. H.)
Elmendorf (Mrs. J. L. M.)
Elwell (Jane R.)
Elwell (John D.)
Elwell (Joseph S.)
Elwell (Lucy S.)
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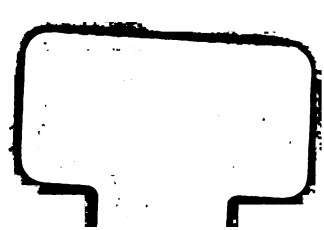
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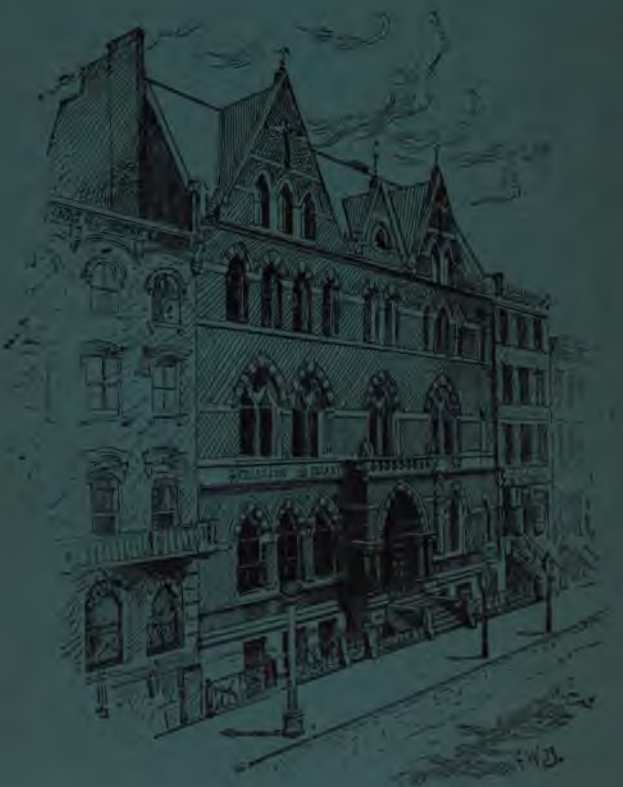
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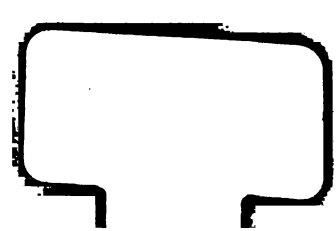
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OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

For another year our Library has quietly but effectively continued its work of usefulness in the community. More than the usual number of books have been acquired by purchase and through donations from friends, a liberal supply of the most recent literature has been promptly placed before the public, the library buildings have been kept in good repair and some needed improvements made. The following statistics present the Library's work and progress during the twelve months since our last report:

BOOKS.

Two thousand five hundred and twelve volumes were purchased, and the receipts from donations and other sources added to this make a total of 14,948 net additions. This includes the fine library presented by Mr. James A. H. Bell, which will be mentioned under the head of "Donations."

The following is a classified table of the year's additions:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1898.	Additions, 1898-'99.	Worn out, sold exchanged, etc., 1898-'99.	Net additions, 1898-'99.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1899.
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels	21,459	3,462	72	3,390	24,849
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	7,686	1,160	7	1,153	8,839
Science and Industrial Arts	11,215	992	22	970	12,185
Biography	9,814	1,743	16	1,727	11,541
Natural History	2,761	108	3	105	2,866
Fine Arts	4,681	347	3	344	5,025
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,401	538	3	535	2,936
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	4,847	574	10	564	5,411
Political, Social and Economic Science	7,569	503	9	494	8,063
Poetry, Drama, Essays, etc	8,122	1,089	12	1,077	9,199
Ficton	27,263	1,638	71	1,567	28,830
Foreign Languages	9,953	616	3	613	10,566
Bound Periodicals	9,605	1,013	17	996	10,601
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	3,829	1,479	66	1,413	5,242
Total	131,205	15,262	314	14,948	146,153

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		131,205
Additions by purchase	2,512	
Additions by donations	2,080	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets	237	
Additions by exchange with other libraries	8	
Donation, James A. H. Bell library	10,425	
Total	15,262	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	31	
Deduct volumes sold	283	
	314	
Total additions during the year		14,948
Total volumes in Library March 1, 1899		146,153

Books purchased amount in cash to	$3,800 97
Books bound amount to	441 18
Total expended for books	$4,242 15

Average cost per volume for books purchased, $1.51.3.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 657.
Total number of volumes repaired by bookbinder, 144.
Books covered and lettered, 7,614.
Books repaired in Library, 1,654.

Among the additions worthy of mention are:

Browning, Robert and Eliz., Letters, 2 vols.
Busch, Life of Bismarck, 2 vols.
Cobbett, the Tudor Navy.
Greig, Musical Educator, 5 vols.
Hittell, History of California, 4 vols.
International Electrical Library, 6 vols.
Landor, In the Forbidden Land, 2 vols.
Meyer, Mechanical Drawing.
Stoddard, Lectures and Travels, Illus., 10 vols.
Thompson, Law of Corporations, 6 vols.
Thwaites, Jesuit Relations, vols. 17-38.
Tyron, Manual of Conchology, vols. 11 and 17.
Uzanne, Fashions in Paris, 1798-1898.
Van Pelt, History of Greater New York, vols. 1-2.
Wheelwright, Municipal Buildings, 2 vols.
Woodbury, Encyclopædic Dictionary of Photography.
Young, Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers.

FOREIGN WORKS.

One hundred and thirty-three volumes of recent French and German Books have been added.

MUSIC.

Eighty-five volumes have been supplied for this department, thirty of which were works upon the history and theory of music.

DONATIONS.

On June 30, 1898, this corporation received from Mr. James A. H. Bell, of this city, the valuable gift of his entire library, together with book-cases and other furniture designed for its accommodation. This collection, the result

of some forty years of enthusiastic labor and research, contains 10,425 volumes, classified as follows:

History, Geography, Travels, etc., 2,498 volumes.
Poetry, Drama, Essays, 1,534 volumes.
Biography, 1,448 volumes.
Biblical Literature, 920 volumes.
Bound Periodicals, 706 volumes.
Miscellaneous, works in sets, etc., 665 volumes.
Fiction, 627 volumes.
Philosophy, Language, Education, 438 volumes.
Foreign Languages, 401 volumes.
Science and Industrial Arts, 368 volumes.
Political, Social and Economic Science, 353 volumes.
Natural History, 257 volumes.
Fine Arts, etc., 210 volumes.

Mr. Bell has visited many parts of the world, and has taken special interest in collecting books relating to those foreign countries visited by him. The catalogue of this collection was prepared personally by Mr. Bell, and is a record of intelligent and discriminating industry. The books have all been analyzed, entries made under subject headings, as well as under authors, and an important quantity of printed matter, wood cuts, maps, engravings, etc., is inlaid, illustrating the numerous and interesting topics treated upon throughout the work. The whole is substantially bound in sixty-nine royal octavo volumes, and is worthy of careful examination by the literary student and those interested in the art of cataloguing. This munificent gift has been placed by itself on the third floor of the Library's building, 193 Montague street, where it is accessible to members, through the general reading-room, and forms the most valuable adjunct to the Reference Department received by the Library for many years past.

The Library has also received from 374 donors, 2,080 volumes, 1,912 pamphlets and 6,956 numbers of periodicals, library bulletins and transactions of societies. Some gifts

of more than usual value were from the donors mentioned below:

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Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y.		3	
American Church Building Fund, N. Y. City		3	
American Colonization Society	1		1
American Economic Association		1	1
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
American Library Association		10	1
Amherst College		2	
Anderson (E. S.)			15
Arnott (*Mrs.*)	3		
Bangs (*Mrs.* B.)	4		
Barber *and* Taylor Co., N. Y. City			3
Barbour (T. J.)	4		
Barclay (*Miss*)			99
Bardwell (G. W.)	2	1	
Barnard Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.			390
Barnes (*Gen.* A. C.)		18	
Barnes (*Miss* E. E.)	1		
Baxter (J. N.)	14		
Beecher (*Mrs.* W. C.)	51	102	590

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Book Review, N. Y. City			2
Boston (Mass.) Boston Book Co			6
——— Public Library		2	12
——— Rapid Transit Commission	2		
——— Y. M. C. Association	1		
Bowdoin (W. J.)	1	3	
Bowdoin College		1	2
Bowker (R. R.)	1		
Bridgman (H. L.)	2	3	17
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library		1	5
Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Brooklyn Engineers' Club*	1	2	
——— *Brooklyn Institute*	1	1	
——— *Citizen*	3		
——— *Daily Eagle*	8		1
——— *Daily Times*	4		
——— *New England Society*		2	
——— *Standard Union*	1		
Brown (J. S.)	10		76
Bruce (W.)	1		
Buck (D.)	20		
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library		3	
Carey (I. H.)	1		
Cary (*Miss* E. L.)	1		
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library		3	4
Collins (*Mrs.* C. C.)		2	2
Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century	1		
Columbia University	5	1	5
Connecticut State Board of Health	1		
Cook (C. D.)	47	18	448
Cornell University	2		12
Corning (J. L., *M. D.*)	2		
Davenport (C. B., *M. D.*)		2	
Davenport (W. B.)			47
Dewey (C. P.)	1	3	6
Dexter (*Miss* Mary)	2		
Dodge (R. D.)	6		
Drew Theological Seminary		2	
Educational Commission	1		
Egleston (T.)	1		
Enoch Pratt Free Library		1	4
Farrington (C. E.)		1	52
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill			6
Foote (A. R.)		5	
Fulton (H.)	1		
Georgia State Geologist	1	1	

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Gilbert (*Miss* L. S.)	42	114	
Girard College	1		
Gray (E. M. Q.)		4	
Griggs (*Hon.* H. S.)	1	1	2937
Grosvenor Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y		2	10
Gunther (*Mrs.* C. E.)			387
Hannan (C. H.)	1		
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library		1	9
Harvard Astronomical Observatory			2
Harvard University	2	1	1
Hayden (J. I.)	1		
Helena (Mon.) Public Library			2
Holland Society (N. Y. City)	1		
Hooker (H. D.)	8		
Howard (H. W. B.)	2	1	
Huntington (S. E.)	3		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa			6
Indianapolis (Ind.) Monetary Convention	1		
Ingersoll (*Rev.* W. H.)		2	
Interstate Commerce Commission	1	1	
Iowa Geological Survey	1		
Iowa Masonic Library			3
Jersey City (N. J.) Public Library		1	8
Johnson (*Miss* E. M.)			7
Kaviratna (A. C.)			2
King (H. C.)		2	
Konvalinka (J. G.)			3
Lamport (W. H.)	40	49	22
Landers (C. M.)	2		
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library		1	4
Leggatt (R. J.)	1		
Le Plongeon (*Dr.* A.)		1	4
Long Island Historical Society	2	149	67
Long Island Railroad Co	1		
Lovett (*Miss* M.)	63		
Lowber (*Miss* E. E.)	1		
Lowry (W.)	1		
Lyman (F.)	113	73	28
Manchester (Eng.) Public Free Libraries			3
Mansfield (F. H.)	1		
Manson (Geo. J.)	2		
Martin (C. C.)	6		
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		18	2
Massachusetts State Board of Education	1		
——— State Bureau of Labor	8		37

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Massachusetts State Railroad Commissioners	1		
Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1		
Michigan State Board of Health	1	1	
Miller (*Miss* G. E.)	1		
Mills (A. L.)	677	161	201
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		2	4
Miscellaneous	131	91	61
Money			3
Monthly Index of Periodical Literature			4
Moore (T. L.)	69		44
Morgan (J. L., *Jr.*)	20		
Morris (M. H.)	1		
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.		2	
Murphy (John) *and Co.*, Baltimore, Md.	1		
National Conference of Charities			2
Neergaard (*Mrs.* F. A.)	44	6	33
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library		2	8
Newberry Library, Springfield, Ia.		2	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library		2	10
New Jersey State Bureau of Statistics	1		
——— State Geological Survey	1		
New York (*City*) *Academy of Sciences*		2	
——— *Apollo Club*		11	
——— *Chamber of Commerce*	1		
——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		2	
——— *Mercantile Library*		1	1
——— *Meteorological Observatory*		1	8
——— *N. Y., Ont. and West. Railway*		50	
——— *Produce Exchange*	1		
——— *Public Library*			27
——— *Young Men's Christian Ass'n*		3	
New York (*State*) *Board of Arbitration*	2		
——— *Board of Charities*	2	1	
——— *Board of Health*	2		11
——— *Bureau of Labor*	2		
——— *Charities Aid Association*			3
——— *Civil Service Commission*	1	1	
——— *Department of State*	12		
——— *Factory Inspector*	1		
——— *Library*	1		5
——— *Railroad Commissioners*	2		
——— *University*	13	6	22
Nicholson (*Miss* K.)	1		
Northampton (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Ohio State Board of Health	14		9

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
Olmstead (D. H.)	1		
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.		2	6
Packer Institute, Brooklyn	1	18	78
Palmer (C. P.)	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md	1	1	
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library		1	1
Philadelphia (Pa.) Department of Public Works	1		
——— Library Co.			3
——— Mercantile Library.		2	2
Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn		2	
Pond (W. A.) *and Co*			3
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn		2	5
Presbyterian Committee of Publications, Richmond, Va.	1		
Providence (R. I.) Public Library		2	12
Royal Society of Canada	1		
Royal Society, London		2	21
Sadler (R.)	1	1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		1	13
San Francisco (Cal.) Board of Supervisors	1		
——— Mechanics' Institute		1	6
——— Free Public Library			6
Schenck (*Dr.* P. L.)	1	8	
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library		1	3
Scully (J. J.)	8		
Shepard (*Dr.* C.)	1	7	
Smithsonian Institution	2	5	9
Snow (H. S.)	23		
Snow (W. B.) *and Co*	1		
Society for the Study of Inebriety, London			4
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library		1	9
Sound Currency, N. Y. City			20
Springfield (Mass.) City Library		3	6
Steward (F.)	1		
Stillson (H. L.)	1		
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library		1	1
Teachers' College, N. Y. City	1		
Temple Pub. Co., Denver, Colo.			8
Terquem (E.)			12
Thiry (J. H.)		3	
Thompson (H. G.)	1		
Titcomb (*Miss* M. A.)	2		
Tredwell (D. M.)			2
Tulane University, La.		2	
United States Brewing Association	1		

	Vols.	Pamph.	Nos.
United States Government	214	124	324
University of Michigan		3	
University of Nebraska			2
University of Pennsylvania		1	1
University of Vermont		2	
Uruguay (Republic of)		2	
Venezuela (Estados Unidos de)		3	
Volta Bureau, Washington, D. C		2	4
Wadsworth (M. E.)		19	3
Waldo (G. E.)	6	1	
Warner (J. D.)	2	1	
Warren (*Col.* E. W.)		2	
Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill			2
Washington Book Chronicle			4
Western Society of Engineers		1	2
White (A. T.)	17	2	
White (W. A.)	58	54	73
Williams (*Mrs.*)			192
Wilmington Institute, Del		1	1
Wisconsin Historical Society	1		
Wood (J. W.)	2		29
Woolley (*Mrs.* U. G.)	3	6	94
Worcester (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Yale University		4	
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Donors of 1 Number			40
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From the State Departments, Washington, D. C., 214 vols.
From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 2 vols.
From the New York State Department, Albany, N. Y., 12 vols.
From the New York State University, Albany, N. Y., 13 vols.
From the Ohio State Board of Health, Columbus, Ohio, 14 vols.

DUPLICATE BOOKS.

The number of volumes of duplicates on hand, March 1, 1898, was 641. Net additions during the year, 884. Total now on hand, 1,525 volumes.

CIRCULATION.

The total of volumes taken out for home reading was 88,941.

	1897. Volumes.	1898. Volumes.
First Quarter	29,565	27,357
Second Quarter	25,164	23,306
Third Quarter	16,789	14,728
Fourth Quarter	26,012	23,550
Total	97,530	88,941

The circulation through six district deliveries has been 4,598 volumes. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Kleine & Ancelin, Flatbush avenue, corner Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, corner St. James place.
Albert E. Marsland, 19 Greene avenue, corner Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, corner Taylor street.
H. T. Lent, 796 Flatbush avenue, opposite Lenox road.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members (who have paid their subscriptions to March 1, 1899)	1,329
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00 (to March 1, 1899)	413
Life members, by payment of $100	460
Life members (original Athenæum subscription)	31
Permanent membership, by payment of $500	275
Total membership on March 1, 1899	2,508
Total membership on March 1, 1898	2,631
Decrease	123

There have been the following deaths of permanent and life members since our last report:

PERMANENT.—Benjamin Bryer, E. H. R. Lyman, Alfred Merian.

LIFE.—Jacob Cole, Isaac L. Condit, Miss Sarah Luqueer, Dr. W. C. Otterson, Rev. Dr. C. S. Robinson, Frederick R. Ropes, William Vaughn Tupper.

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

Bulletin No. 37 of additions to the Library was printed in December and 12,000 copies were distributed. Fifteen pages of the Bulletin were given to a selection from the best books in various departments acquired during the year, one page to music, a page to foreign books and five pages to English fiction.

The card catalogue of additions has been kept up to date, and the weekly lists of books received are displayed upon the bulletin boards and table, and are published with great courtesy by the Brooklyn press.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Four cases have been added to this collection. Two contain material relating to the Colonial and Revolutionary periods of United States history, the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. Two others treat of the recent British campaigns in the Soudan. A quantity of material for clippings has been donated by Dr. C. H. Raymond, by Dr. C. D. Cook and by Dr. Mascord of this city. Number of cases now in the collection, 104.

PAMPHLETS.

The total number of pamphlets added, exclusive of duplicates, was 912. The collection now contains over 16,000 pieces.

This year the pamphlets and the United States Documents have been readjusted and set in order, the latter receiving a shelf-number corresponding with a printed list

forwarded by the United States Superintendent of Documents. This number is pasted on each volume and gives increased facilities for the identification of volumes and for producing them when required for reference.

ENGINEERS' CLUB.

This Club, the largest of several organizations of the kind connected with the Library, has now 141 members and is in a flourishing condition. The expenses chargeable to this department of the Library were:

For books	$177 71
For periodicals	100 15
For binding	33 20
For improvements	27 63
Total	$338 69

SPECIAL BOOK FUNDS.

The number of volumes purchased from special funds, with their cost, may be stated as follows:

	Volumes.	Amount.
From the Maria Cary bequest	218	$283 82
From the Charles R. Lynde bequest	258	430 00
From the Samuel B. Duryea bequest	4	24 97
From the Loftis Wood bequest	268	414 59
From the Cary Fund	79	248 13
From the John T. Martin gift	285	464 87
From the Alexander M. White gift	66	340 82
Total	1,178	$2,207 20

REFERENCE WORK.

The Reference Department contains 1,591 volumes shelved in the room and directly accessible to members, besides 990 volumes (editions-de-luxe, etc.), which are kept in the glass cases at the entrance to the rooms, and a large number of books of reference placed on the shelves of the Circulating Department for want of room in the Reference Department. These figures do not include the bound

volumes of periodicals in alcoves adjoining the room, which in most libraries are used as books of reference, but in our library are allowed in most cases to circulate as soon as bound. During the year there were used for reference more than 27,000 volumes and there were given out for home use from this department 1,672 volumes. Fifteen thousand persons visited the room for purposes of reference, writing, or study.

Among the most important books added to the Department in the past year are the following:

American Ancestry, vol. 11.
Am. and Engl. Cyclopædia of Law, 2d ed., vols. 7–8.
Appleton's Annual Cyclopædia, 1897.
Appleton's Cyclopædic Am. Biography, rev. ed., 6 vols.
Century Atlas of the World.
Clifton & Grimaux, French Dictionary, 2 vols.
Hamilton & Legros, French Dictionary.
Hawthorne, Literature of all Nations, vols. 7–10.
Hyde & Co., Atlas Brooklyn Borough, vol. 2.
Japan, illustrated—photographs, etc.—10 vols.
Lee, Dictionary of National Biography, vols. 51–58.
Rand, McNally & Co., Business Atlas, 1898.
Robinson, Atlas Brooklyn, Wards 29–32.
Sargent, Silva of North America, vols. 11–12.
Spiers & Whitcomb, French Dictionary, 2 vols.
Wolverton, Atlas Queens County, L. I.

READING-ROOMS.

The average daily attendance has been much the same as last year. Several new periodicals have been added and our lists contain the leading journals and magazines of the day, both American and foreign. Numerous trades and professions are represented and a total of 324 publications are displayed, including both newspapers and magazines. Current volumes are kept on file for reference until completed, when they are bound and placed on the Library shelves for circulation. The use of the Reading-rooms alone may justly be considered an equivalent for the price of a subscription to the Library in the wide range of periodical literature supplied to our members.

The Sunday Reading-room attendance for forty-three afternoons, from March 6 to June 26, and from September 4, 1898, to February 26, 1899, was:

Women	154
Men	1,607
Total	1,761

SPECIAL WORK.

Since last report, the United States Documents shelved in the upper part of the Library have been numbered as already mentioned. An entirely revised shelf list of our bound sets of periodicals has been written out and bound in three volumes, ample room being left for many years' growth. The entire collection has been renumbered according to the new shelf lists. Great relief is afforded to this class, the lists of which have become overcrowded and the numbering complicated and involved.

TAXATION.

From 1827 to 1896 the State had recognized the value of libraries to the community by exempting from taxation *both* their real and personal property. In 1896 and 1897 there was a revision of the tax laws, which, as construed by the courts, limited the exemption of the real estate of libraries to that used exclusively for library purposes. We think it is just to have the tax law of 1896 and 1897 amended so that it will not be retroactive, but will make taxable only such real estate as has been acquired since 1895.

This unexpected change in the law affects the Brooklyn Library very seriously. We have at various times in the past invested our trust funds in real estate immediately adjacent to our main library building, partly to protect our light, partly to have ample room for expansion (both objects of such vital importance to libraries), and partly on account of the fact that the State law did not at that time, and has not for many years, discriminated against the investment by libraries of their funds in *real estate*. We

are not aware that that exemption has been abused by libraries, or that there is any public sentiment in the community in favor of taking away from them the small assistance thus received from the State. If, however, the Legislature has fully decided to make a change in its policy in this respect, it is certainly only fair that its application should be limited to property acquired *after* the change in the law was made. In our case we could not sell our real estate without suffering a heavy pecuniary loss, and we should risk having to pay a much higher price if the Library should be obliged later to repurchase it.

Our Library was given a charter by the State in 1859 for the following purposes: "The establishment and maintenance of a reference and circulating library, reading-room, literary and scientific lectures, classes in the various departments of instruction, and other means for promoting the improvement of its members." In the forty years of its existence we have erected a library building at a cost, with the land adjacent, of $288,000, and have placed in it a collection of books that now amounts to 146,153 volumes, covering every department of literature. The money to accomplish these results has been obtained mostly by the voluntary contributions of public-spirited citizens.

In the five years ending March 8, 1898, our average annual receipts from members were about $10,000; average annual receipts from rental of real estate, $9,000. Under the change in the law, the assessors of the City of New York have now placed on our property, as liable to taxation, the unreasonable valuation of $215,000, which will oblige us to pay to the city nearly two-thirds of the amount of our annual rentals, *i. e.*, about $5,600 annually in taxes.

The Library has no funds available from which to meet this unexpected exaction, and while we might be successful in an appeal to the public for money to buy books or to enlarge the library building, yet we doubt whether contributions would come in freely to a fund for the purpose of paying taxes to the city and State. Therefore, under the

advice of the joint Boards of Directors and Trustees of the Library, a bill for an amendment to the law has been framed and introduced in the State Legislature exempting from taxation real estate of libraries adjacent to the main library building acquired previous to 1896, and of a net rental value not exceeding $15,000 per annum.

It is scarcely necessary to urge the importance to the community of the work done by libraries, or the impossibility of supporting and building them up on purely commercial lines. It is impossible for them to discharge their proper functions unless they receive pecuniary assistance, either from the State or from the gifts of public-spirited citizens, or from both sources. The amount that the State had contributed under the law, as it existed prior to 1896, was very moderate, and, with the limitations placed in the amendment as to the time of acquirement and amount of value, it would be impossible that the exemption could be abused. Such institutions as ours render public service in many ways, add to the attractiveness of residence in the communities in which they are established, and should be fostered and assisted by the State rather than restricted and oppressed by taxation.

For the Board of Directors,

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. HENRY SANGER SNOW, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY, CR.

Balance on hand March 1, 1898		$562 67
Initiation Fees	$375 00	
Dues	7,424 90	
Extra Books	1,316 05	
Fines	69 65	
		9,185 60
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	$1,500 00	
John T. Martin Fund	600 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	500 00	
Charles R. Lynde Fund	500 00	
S. B. Duryea Fund	100 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	300 00	
General Fund	7,050 00	
		10,550 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		248 13
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		47 65
Sundries		14 30
Donation		2,000 00
		$22,608 35

Books	$3,800 97	
Less amount from Books sold	77 85	
		$3,723 12
Binding		441 18
Periodicals	$1,365 00	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	32 95	
		1,332 05
Salaries		9,731 00
Light	$1,045 42	
Less amount from F. A. Barnaby Company	29 67	
	1,015 75	
Fuel	517 00	
Building and Fixtures	1,842 28	
Janitor and care of building	1,295 50	
		4,670 53
Bulletins and Catalogues	304 87	
Stationery and Printing	541 66	
Postage on Bulletins	120 00	
Advertising	25 00	
		991 53
Delivery to Branches	99 00	
Sundries	193 84	
		292 84
Interest paid on Loan		1,000 00
By Balance		426 10
		$22,608 35

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year ending February 28, 1899:

The ordinary revenues have been enlarged during the year by the receipt of the amount of the bequest of the late Edwin Baker, and of a payment on account of the bequest of the late Samuel Bowne Duryea; also by the proceeds of two life memberships.

These amounts, aggregating $4,200 have been applied to the reduction of the loan obligations of the Trustees, the balance of which is now $6,700.

The bequest of Mr. Duryea has been constituted a separate fund, designated the Duryea Fund. The other sums have been incorporated with the general fund, increasing the amount thereof to $43,989.39.

Early in the year it was found possible to secure a material reduction in insurance premiums by canceling the policies which had been taken out for a single year and renewing the insurance for the term of three years from May 1, 1898. This change was accordingly made. Since the reception of the Bell Library and Collections and their arrangement in the building No. 193 Montague street, a special insurance of $15,000 has been effected covering the Bell gifts.

THE CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr.	Balance, February 28, 1898		$18 21
	Gross Rentals of No. 152 Pierrepont street		500 00
	" " of No. 154 Pierrepont street		761 00
	" " of No. 193 Montague street		4,079 41
	" " of No. 201 Montague street		5,009 30
	" " of Library Building		3,068 37
Carried Forward			$13,436 29

Brought Forward			$13,436 29
Amount of 2 Life Memberships			200 00
Bequest of Samuel Bowne Duryea, in part			3,000 00
" of Edwin Baker			1,000 00
Interest on the same			96 09
			$17,732 38
Dr. Brooklyn Trust Company, Interest on Loan	$43 82		
" " " Balance Loan	900 00		
Long Island Loan and Trust Company, Interest on Loan	358 27		
Long Island Loan and Trust Company, on account of Loan	3,300 00		
Interest on Mortgage Loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund	250 00		
Expense Account, No. 152 Pierrepont street	66 50		
" " No. 154 Pierrepont street	152 75		
" " No. 193 Montague street	395 17		
" " No. 201 Montague street	445 58		
" " Library Building	573 85		
Fire Insurance Premium	672 46		
Payments to the Board of Directors, viz.:			
Income of the White Fund	$1,500 00		
" " Martin Fund	600 00		
" " Wood Fund	500 00		
" " Cary Bequest	300 00		
" " Lynde Fund	500 00		
" " Duryea Fund	100 00		
" " General Fund	7,050 00		
		10,550 00	
			17,708 40
Balance February 28, 1899			$23 98

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected		$500 00
Disbursements as follows:		
Insurance	$3 23	
Commissions	12 50	
General Repairs	54 00	
Interest on Mortgage Loan	250 00	
		319 73
Balance, being Net Income		$180 27

No. 154 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals Collected	$750 00	
Refund for Repairs	11 00	
		761 00
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Commissions	$18 75	
General Repairs	134 00	
		152 75
Balance, being Net Income		$608 25

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected	$4,073 41	
Refund for Extra Water Rates	6 00	
		4,079 41
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$59 13	
Water Rates	24 00	
Fire Insurance	14 44	
Commissions	101 83	
General Repairs	210 21	
		409 61
Balance, being Net Income		$3,669 80

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals collected		$5,009 30
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$13 92	
Water Rates	24 00	
Fire Insurance	16 32	
Commissions	125 23	
General Repairs	282 43	
		461 90
Balance, being Net Income		$4,547 40

Library Building.

Gross Rentals collected		$3,068 37
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates	$42 00	
Fire Insurance on the Building	77 91	
Commissions	73 95	
General Repairs	457 90	
		651 76
Balance, being Net Income		$2,416 61

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr.	Balance of the Account, February 28, 1898		$24 67
	Interest on Baker Bequest		96 09
	Net Income from No. 152 Pierrepont Street		180 27
	" " " No. 154 Pierrepont Street		608 25
	" " " No. 193 Montague Street		3,669 80
	" " " No. 201 Montague Street		4,547 40
	" " " the Library Building		2,416 61
			$11,543 09
Dr.	Interest Account	$402 09	
	General Insurance Account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures for the current year	180 13	
	Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
	For Income of the Special Funds.. $3,500 00		
	For Income of the General Fund.. 7,050 00		
		10,550 00	
			11,132 22
	Balance February 28, 1899		$410 87

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$23 98	
Insurance Premium Account	386 89	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate No. 154 Pierrepont Street	20,000 00	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		43,989 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Lynde Fund		10,000 00
Duryea Fund		3,000 00
Loan from the Long Island Loan and Trust Company		6,700 00
Mortgage Loan on No. 152 Pierrepont Street.		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		410 87
	$288,848 76	$288,848 76

The amounts of the insurances against fire upon the Library property remain as last reported, with the exception of the new insurance of $15,000 upon the Bell Collections, and are as follows:

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE.

On the Library Building	$70,000
On Books, etc., in the Library Building	100,000
On Books, etc., in No. 193 Montague Street, Bell Collection	15,000
On Furniture, Fixtures, etc	7,500
On No. 193 Montague Street	12,500
On No. 201 Montague Street	12,500
On No. 152 Pierrepont Street	5,550

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 9, 1899.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I have to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property, No. 152 Pierrepont street, at five per cent.

There remained at the date of the last report, March 7, 1898, an unexpended balance of income of $14.42, and there has been received the interest for one year, amounting to $250. The Trustees have expended in the purchase of books the sum of $248.13, representing 79 volumes, which have been selected from the current purchases of the Library, and have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund.

The unexpended balance of income is $16.29. Which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 8, 1899.

BROOKLYN, March 9, 1899.

To the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Library:

In accordance with Section 2 of Article 4 of the By-Laws, the following report of the Executive Committee is respectfully submitted for the year ending February 28, 1899:

The Trust Funds of the Library continue to be, as for many years past, invested in the real estate adjacent to the Library Building. The buildings have been kept in good physical condition during the past year. The west office on

the main floor of the Library Building has been altered by putting in new partitions, painting, etc., at a total cost (including the purchase of an electric fan for ventilation) of $450. The office, on the second story of No. 201 Montague street, has been divided to suit a new tenant, and painted, at a total cost of about $250. A new gravel roof has been put on No. 154 Pierrepont street at a cost of $100, and the roof of No. 152 Pierrepont street has been repaired at a cost of $46.

The offices on the third story of No. 193 Montague street were last summer taken for library purposes and refurnished, and the collection of books given by Mr. James A. H. Bell, consisting of 10,425 volumes, was placed therein. As this office was of a rental value of $300 per annum, the income of the Library is diminished by that amount, and as the Library continues to grow, it is probable that it will be necessary to utilize some of the other buildings, or portions of them that are now rented.

Respectfully submitted for the Executive Committee,

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WHITE,
Chairman.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "Brooklyn Library," in the City of Brooklyn, the sum of $ to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.



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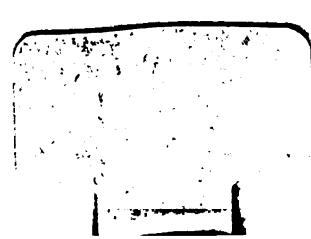
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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Members of the Brooklyn Library:

The Report for the past year, ending February 28th, is for the most part a simple statement of the business of the Library, its general growth, and the minor changes and improvements that have been made. Our literary resources have been materially increased by gifts of books from many friends, and by purchase of the best of the year's issue of American and English publications. Increased quantities of the very popular books have been bought to supply, as far as practicable, the demand for them while the public interest in them continued. Statistics of the Library's business for the past twelve months are given as follows:

BOOKS.

Two thousand eight hundred and sixty volumes were purchased, and the additions by binding and from donations and exchanges make a total of 5,622. This amount was reduced by works sold, exchanged, or worn out, by 2,099, leaving the net additions for the year 3,523 volumes.

The following table shows the year's additions and the total of volumes on February 28th:

CLASSES.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1899.	Additions, 1899-1900.	Worn out, sold exchanged, etc., 1899-1900.	Net additions, 1899-1900.	Total Vols. on hand March 1, 1900.
History, Geography, Voyages, Travels	24,849	1,144	421	723	25,572
Biblical, Religious and Ecclesiastical Literature	8,839	308	262	46	8,825
Science and Industrial Arts	12,185	290	174	116	12,301
Biography	11,541	477	109	368	11,909
Natural History	2,866	118	27	91	2,957
Fine Arts	5,025	114	50	64	5,089
Collective Works, Cyclopedias, etc.	2,936	78	50	28	2,964
Philosophy, Language, Education, etc	5,411	197	253		5,355
Political, Social and Economic Science	8,063	231	64	167	8,230
Poetry, Dramas, Essays, etc	9,199	186	63	123	9,322
Fiction	28,830	1,111	231	880	29,710
Foreign Languages	10,566	216	34	182	10,748
Bound Periodicals	10,601	645	121	524	11,125
Miscellaneous and Duplicates	5,242	507	240	267	5,509
Total	146,153	5,622	2,099	*3,523	149,676

* In the class left blank in this column, the decrease of volumes for the year exceeded the increase by a total of 56.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of volumes reported last year		146,153
Additions by purchase	2,860	
Additions by donations	2,377	
Additions by binding periodicals and pamphlets	339	
Additions by exchange with other libraries	46	
Total	5,622	
Deduct volumes worn out and imperfect	34	
Deduct volumes sold	2,045	
Deduct volumes exchanged	20	
	2,099	
Total additions during the year		3,523
Total volumes in Library March 1, 1900		149,676
Books purchased amount in cash to		$3,798 83
Books bound amount to		694 15
Total expended for books		$4,492 98

Average cost per volume for books purchased, $1.327.
Total number of volumes (new and old) bound, 1,003.
Total number of volumes repaired by bookbinder, 163.
Books covered and lettered, 8,245.
Books repaired in Library, 1,984.

Some noteworthy additions of the year are:

Butler, Ruined Abbeys of Scotland.
Campbell, Highland Dress.
Churchill, The River War, 2 vols.
Eaton, Government of Municipalities.
Fiske, Dutch and Quaker Colonies, Illus.
Fraser, Letters from Japan, 2 vols.
Glenn, Some Colonial Mansions.
Graham, Social Life in the 18th Century.
Kingsley, French Art.
King, Italian Unity.
Lyte, History of Eton College.
Millais, Life and Letters, 2 vols.
Monkhouse, British Contemporary Artists.
Mott, Between the Ocean and the Lakes.
Poor, Manual of Railroads, 1899-1900.
Rogers, Manual of Coaching.
Rossetti, Ruskin, etc.
Sue, Works, Edition de luxe, 20 vols.
Tryon, Manual of Covehology, vol. 12, N. S.
Van Dyke, Modern French Masters.
Walker, Discussions in Economics.
Worthen, Appletons' Cyclop. of Technical Drawing.

FOREIGN WORKS.

Two hundred and forty-three volumes have been added in this department as follows: French, 100 vols.; German, 52; Italian, 1; Portuguese, 50; Spanish, 40. Total, 243.

MUSIC.

The growth of this class has been small, only 11 volumes having been added.

DONATIONS.

The Library has received from 404 donors, 2,377 volumes, 991 pamphlets, and 2,610 numbers of periodicals, library bul-

letins and transactions of societies. Some gifts of special value were from the donors mentioned below:

From The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, 54 volumes.
" Mr. H. L. Adams, 4 volumes.
" Dr. T. J. Backus, 306 volumes.
" Mr. Alfred C. Barnes, 61 volumes.
" Mr. J. N. Baxter, 8 volumes.
" Mrs. William C. Beecher, 92 volumes.
" Miss Ellen Brackett, 17 volumes.
" Mr. R. A. Dodge, 6 volumes.
" Messrs. Harper and Brothers, 331 volumes.
" Mr. S. E. Huntington, 249 volumes.
" Mr. Frank Lyman, 74 volumes.
" Hon. P. H. McNulty, 203 volumes.
" Dr. J. L. Moffat, 136 volumes.
" Mrs. P. Polhemus, 64 volumes.
" Dr. N. A. Robbins, 37 volumes.
" Mrs. A. Rolker, 44 volumes.
" Mrs. H. Sanger, 184 volumes.
" Mr. H. W. Slocum, 55 volumes.
" Miss M. Titcomb, 17 volumes.
" Mr. Alfred T. White, 125 volumes.
" Mr. William A. White, 25 volumes.

From the Department of State, Washington, D. C., 44 volumes.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 8 volumes.

From the New York State Department, Albany, N. Y., 25 volumes.

From the New York State University, Albany, N. Y., 4 volumes.

From the Pennsylvania State Department, 22 volumes.

From the local newspapers, bound volumes of the Brooklyn *Citizen, Eagle, Standard Union, and Times.*

LIST OF DONORS, 1899-1900.

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Nos.
Abbott (*Rev. Dr.* L.)	54	63	54
Abbott (*Miss* M.)	10		34
Acker (E.)	10		90
Adams (H. S.)	4	4	49
Ager (*Rev.* J. C.)	1		
American Academy of Political and Social Science.			4
American Anti-Imperialist League			4
American Colonization Society			2
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1		
American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.		2	
Amherst (Mass.) College.		1	3
Andover (Mass.) Theological Seminary.		2	
Anthony (*Miss* J. B.).	2		
Appleton (D.) *and Co.*	1		
Archæological Institute of America.			3
Arnold (R.)	1		
Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fé Railway		8	
Atkinson (E.)			4
Backus (T. J.)	306	8	
Barclay (*Miss*)			58
Barnes (*Gen.* A. C.)	61		
Batchelder (C. F.)			8
Baxter (J. N.)	8	5	1
Beecher (*Mrs.* W. C.)	92	75	29
Blake (W. W.)			2
Boston Book Co.			5
Boston (Mass.) Metropolitan Park Commission	1		
——— Public Library.		4	10
——— Transit Commission.	2	2	
Bourne (A.)	1		
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2	2
Bowdoin (W. G.)	1	1	
Brackett (*Miss* E.)	17	14	
Bridgman (H. L.)	2	7	20
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library.		3	3
Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Citizen.*	4		
——— *Daily Eagle.*	7	8	39
——— *Daily Times.*	4		
——— *Public Library.*		1	5
——— *Standard Union.*	3		
Brown (J. S.)	2	3	17
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library.		2	1

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Nos.
Burglass (H.)	2		
Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library		2	
Childe (C.)	1		
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library		1	3
Coan (*Mrs.* E.)			4
Colby College, Waterville, Me.	1	1	
Columbia University	5	1	4
Comins (A. B.)		2	3
Commelin (*Mrs.* A. O.)	1		
Condit (A.)	1		
Connecticut State Board of Health	1		
Cook (*Dr.* C. D.)	2		52
Coombs (*Hon.* W. J.)	8		
Cornell University		2	
Davenport (W. B.)			104
Depew (*Hon.* C. M.)		3	
Dewey (C. P.)	2	2	4
Dodge (R. D.)	6		
Dougal (F. H.) *and Co*	1		
Dow (J. W.)	1		
Drew Theological Seminary		4	
Dulman (*Mrs.* A. G.)			27
Empire State Society	1	2	
Estes (*Miss*)			38
Fabyan Society, London, Eng.			2
Farrington (C. E.)		1	3
Farrington (W. D.)	1	1	
Fidelity Publ. Co.	1		
Field Columbian Museum	2		12
Frothingham (J. S.)	3		
Fulton (H.)	1		
Gerhard (W. P.)	1	7	16
Gregg (*Rev.* D.)	1		
Gunther (*Dr.*)			211
Hamilton (*Col.* J.)	3		
Harper (J.) *and Brothers*	331	4	
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library			8
——— Theological Seminary		5	
Harvard Astronomical Observatory		2	4
Harvard University	2	4	
Hewitt (E. G.)		3	1
Hiscox (G. D.)	1		
Historical Society of Pennsylvania	1		
Howe (*Mrs.* S. P.)	1		

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Nos.
Huntington (S. A.)	249	8	36
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia		1	3
Industrial Commission, Washington, D. C.		1	4
International Navigation Co.		2	
Interstate Commerce Commission.	2	2	
Interstate Railway Commission.		3	
Iowa Geological Survey.	1		
Iowa Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids, Ia.			4
Jersey City (N. J.) Public Library.		1	4
John Crevar Library, Chicago, Ill.		2	
Johnson (*Miss* E. M.)		11	15
Journalist, N. Y. City.			52
Katzenberger (G. A.)	2		
Kaviratna (A. C.)			2
Keim (DeB. R.)			3
Kirk (*Mrs.* E.)	2		
Ladd (C. F.)	2		
Lake Shore, Michigan and Southern Ry.		1	1
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library.		1	4
Le Plongeon (*Dr.* A.)			4
Library of Congress.	2		3
Library Supply Co., London, Eng.			2
Literary Life, N. Y. City.			2
Long Island Diocese.	1		
Long Island Historical Society.			11
Lowber (*Mrs.* E. E.)	2		
Lowell (S. V.)	1		
Lyman (F.)	74	79	38
Lynn (Mass.) Free Public Library			9
McNulty (*Hon.* P. H.)	203	41	
Maimonides Library.		2	
Martin (C. C.)	1		
Mason (*Dr.* L. D.)		2	
Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners.	1		
——— State Board of Education.	1		
Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia		2	
Michigan State Board of Health.		4	16
——— Dept. of State.	25	21	141
Milhau (*Mrs.*)			258
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library.			3
Minnesota Geological Survey.	1		
Miscellaneous.	15	19	17
Moffat (*Dr.* J. L.)	136	11	21
Money, N. Y. City.			6

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Nos.
Montana State Bureau of Agriculture.	1		
Montreal (Can.) City Surveyor.	1	1	
Municipal Civil Service Commission, N. Y. City.		7	
Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library.		2	7
New England Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.		2	
New Era, Denver, Col.	1		
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library.		2	7
New Jersey State Bureau of Labor.	1		
——— State Library.	3		
New York (City) *Board of Education.*	1		
——— *Chamber of Commerce.*	1		
——— *Civil Service Reform Association*		3	
——— *Free Circulating Library.*		2	1
——— *Mercantile Library.*		1	1
——— *Meteorological Observatory.*	1		7
——— *Municipal Civil Service.*		5	
——— *N. Y. Central and Hudson River Railway.*			4
——— *N. Y., Ontario and Western Railway.*		15	
——— *Produce Exchange.*	1		
——— *Public Library.*		1	11
——— *Young Men's Christian Ass'n.*		2	
New York (State) *Board of Arbitration.*	2		
——— *Board of Health.*	2		12
——— *Bureau of Labor.*	1		3
——— *Dept. of State.*	25		
——— *Fisheries and Forest Commission*	1		
——— *Forest Preserve Board.*		2	
——— *Homoeopathic Medical Society.*	1		
——— *Library.*		3	6
——— *Railroad Commissioners.*	2		
——— *Reformatory.*	1		
——— *University.*	1		15
Noyes (J. A.).		2	
Oberlin (O.) College.		1	1
Ohio State Board of Health.		1	7
Omaha (Neb.) Public Library.			6
Orne (W. B.).	2		
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.		1	1
Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4	2	42
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.	1	1	
Peabody Institute, Mass.		1	1
Pennsylvania State Depart.	23	13	8

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Nos.
Peters (W. R. *and* J. R.)	1		
Philadelphia (Pa.) *Dept. of Public Works*	1		
——— *Free Library.*		1	1
——— *Library Co.*		1	2
——— *Mercantile Library.*		21	31
Polhemus (*Mrs.* T.)	64		
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1	16
Providence (R. I.) Public Library			12
Publisher's Weekly, N. Y. City	1	3	
Quebec and Lake St. John Railway		2	
Reinstein (J. B.)		2	
Robbins (*Dr.* N. A.)	37		4
Roberts (J. A.)	1		
Rolker (*Mrs.* A.)	44		
Royal Society, London, Eng.			17
St. John's Home, Brooklyn, N .Y.	12		
St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library.		2	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library.			13
San Francisco (Cal.) *Board of Supervisors*	2		
——— *Mechanics' Institute.*		3	9
——— *Mercantile Library*		2	
——— *Public Library.*		1	6
Sanger (*Mrs.* H.)	18	14	
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library.		1	3
Seaman (C. M.)	1		
Seaver (B. F.)	2		
Shepard (*Dr.* C. H.)	1		
Slocum (H. W.)	55	2	
Smithsonian Institution.	8	6	4
Society for the Study of Inebriety, London, Eng.			7
Sons of the Revolution, N. Y. City.	1		
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library.		1	10
Sound Currency, N. Y. City			15
Southern Railway Co.	1		
Springfield (Mass.) City Library.		3	8
Sturtevant (B. F.) *and Co.*	1	4	
Swedenborg Publ. Co.	2		
Syracuse (N. Y.) Central Library.		2	
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library.		2	1
Terquen (E.), Paris.			13
Thiry (J. H.)	2		
Thomas (*Mr.*)	1		
Titcomb (*Miss* M.)	17	12	2
United States Government.	189	82	466

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University of California.	1		
University of Cincinnati.	1	1	
University of Nebraska.			5
University of Pennsylvania.		2	
University of Rochester.		2	
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Warren Co. Library, Monmouth, Ill.			3
Washington Book Chronicle.			3
Welch (*Mrs.* W. W.).	1		
White (A. T.).	125	44	59
White (S. V.).		3	
White (W. S.).	25	52	54
Wood (J. W.)	2		3
Woodruff (*Hon.* T.).		2	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library.		2	
Yale University.	1	2	
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University of Chicago; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; University of Vermont; Varona (J.); Warder Public Library, Springfield, O.; Washington (D. C.) Public Library; Wilmington (Del.) Institute; Woburn (Mass.) Public Library; Women's Christian Association, Brooklyn.

The following are donors of 1 *Number* each:

American Genealogist, Ardmore, Pa.; Banks Law Publishing Co., New York City; Bates & Guild Co., Boston, Mass.; *Book Reviews,* New York City; Bowker (R. R.); Brentano's, New York City; *Business,* New York City; California State Library, Sacramento; Chicago University Association; Dewey (M); *Editor,* Cincinnati, O.; Evanston, Ill.; Public Library; Grosvenor Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y.; Gunnison (H.); *Journal of Prison Discipline,* Philadelphia; Konvalinka (J. G.); Leominster (Eng.) Town Library; Massachusetts Bureau of Labor, Boston; *Mayflower,* Floral Park, N. Y.; *Model Engineer; Natural Science,* Edinburgh, Scotland; New England Water Works Association, New London, Conn.; *New Man,* St. Louis, Mo.; General Society of Mechanics, New York City; *Oxford (Eng.) Shorthand Chronicle;* Philadelphia Engineers' Club; *Photographic Era,* Philadelphia; *Publishers' Circular,* London, Eng.; *Revue de Jurisprudence,* Montreal, Can.; Steinheel (G.), Paris; *Successful American,* New York City; Tufts College, Mass.; *Vox Urbis,* Rome; *Weekly Law Bulletin,* Columbus, O.

DUPLICATE BOOKS.

The number of volumes on hand at the opening of the year was 1,525. Added during year, 1,016. Deduct volumes sold during the year, 2,045. On hand, March 1, 1900, 496.

CIRCULATION.

The total of volumes taken out for home reading was 86,057.

	1898. Volumes.	1899. Volumes.
First Quarter.	27,357	26,347
Second Quarter.	23,306	22,077
Third Quarter.	14,728	14,252
Fourth Quarter.	23,550	23,381
Total.	88,941	86,057

The circulation through five district deliveries has been 4,570 volumes. The stations now in use are:

W. A. Aspinwall, Fulton street and Franklin avenue.
Kleine & Ancelin, Flatbush avenue, corner Seventh avenue.
F. C. Cutts, 981 Fulton street, corner St. James place.
Albert E. Marsland, 19 Greene avenue, corner Cumberland street.
Livingston & Underwood, 570 Bedford avenue, corner Taylor street.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members on March 1st was as follows:

Annual members at $5.00.	1,269
Extra annual subscriptions at $3.00.	441
Life members by payment of $100.	458
Life members (original Athenæum subscription).	31
Permanent membership by payment of $500.	274
Total membership on March 1, 1900.	2,473
Total membership on March 1, 1899.	2,508
Decrease.	35

There have been the following deaths of permanent and life members since our last Report:

PERMANENT.—Mrs. Grace L. Blossom, James H. Frothingham, Miss Maria J. Martin, Enos Richardson, Frederick Stubenvoll, Mrs. M. A. S. Valentine, William W. Wickes.

LIFE.—Rev. H. S. Carpenter, Joseph Lee, Martius T. Lynde, Mrs. M. G. Schnitzpahn, Henry Sheldon.

BULLETINS AND CATALOGUES.

Bulletin No. 38 of additions to the Library was issued in December, 1899, and 12,000 copies were distributed. A feature of this Bulletin was a list of 155 volumes, mostly fiction, in the French, German, Spanish and Portuguese languages. The card catalogue of additions has been kept complete to date and becomes more valuable every year. The weekly lists of additions are bulletined and displayed in the Book Delivery Room and are published with great courtesy by the

Brooklyn press. That the newspaper lists are a great convenience to the public is evidenced by the large number of readers who bring them to the Library when calling for books.

MAPS.

The Library has received from the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., 247 Atlas sheets—completing to the present time their issues of these valuable maps. A list of the maps can be seen in the Reference Room.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Considerable new material was collected, but no new volumes were made up this year, owing to pressure of other and more important work.

PAMPHLETS.

The Library received during the year 3,600 pamphlets, library bulletins, publications of societies, etc. Of these some 2,500, exclusive of duplicates, were added to our pamphlet collection which now contains between 18,000 and 19,000 pieces. In this connection the attention of our readers is invited to the special bulletins issued by the United States Government, and which are placed from time to time on the bulletin board in the Delivery Room. These lists contain much valuable information upon various topics of current interest, such as our late war with Spain, the development of our Navy, the products and commerce of our new colonies, and other matters of public interest. The intention of the Government is to present this information while it is still fresh, and the bulletins and reports are issued at intervals in pamphlet form so as to reach the public in advance of the bound volumes of United States Documents. These periodical bulletins are kept for the use of readers in the Reference Room.

ENGINEERS' CLUB.

This Club last year had 150 members, the largest number

since its organization. The outlay for this Department of the Library was:

For books	$75 40
For periodicals	145 75
For binding	47 85
Total	$269 00

SPECIAL BOOK FUNDS.

The following is a statement of the number of volumes purchased from the income of special funds, with their cost:

	Volumes.	Amount.
From the Maria Cary bequest	149	$244 13
From the Charles R. Lynde bequest	218	398 54
From the Samuel B. Duryea bequest	11	24 86
From the Loftis Wood bequest	210	380 56
From the Cary Fund	67	256 09
From the John T. Martin gift	217	419 67
From the Alexander M. White gift	43	215 36
Total	915	$1,939 21

READING-ROOMS.

The daily attendance has been fully up to the average of past years. On some winter days the rooms are taxed to their utmost capacity. The periodical list has received some additions and contains the leading journals and magazines of the day, both American and foreign, among which many of the trades and professions are represented. The use of 323 publications on file in our Reading-rooms may alone be justly considered an equivalent for the price of a subscription to the Library, covering as it does so wide a range of literature. Current volumes of periodicals are kept on file for reference until completed, when they are bound and placed on the Library shelves for circulation. The Sunday attendance in the Reading-rooms for forty-three afternoons, from March 5 to June 25, and from September 3, 1899, to February 25, 1900, was:

Women	145
Men	1,445
Total	1,590

THE BELL COLLECTION.

The private library of over ten thousand volumes which was presented to the Brooklyn Library nearly two years ago by Mr. James A. H. Bell, and which has been given an appropriate home in the apartments adjoining the Reading-rooms, has grown in popularity during the past year. During the first year we had many visitors who were simply curious to see the collection. Last year the number of this class of visitors has diminished, and we have had an increasing class of readers who, taking advantage of the quiet and of the comfortable surroundings, come regularly to spend two or three hours at a time in the perusal of some interesting work in this most valuable collection. The privilege of direct access to the shelves of the Bell Library is appreciated by these readers who may thereby chose their companions of an hour. The student also finds in this collection that which is helpful in his particular line of study, the rare old books giving him at times what cannot be had in other parts of the Library.

REFERENCE WORK.

This year the Reference Department has grown in usefulness, although the growth by accession of books has not been so great as in some former years. Many valuable works have, however, been added, Warner's and Hawthorne's "Libraries of Literature," and "The World's Best Orations," are now completed, and with other large sets of books, as Parkman's Histories (20 volumes), Ruskin's Works (26 volumes), etc., are serviceable helps to workers. The first four volumes of the new Motley set (ed. de luxe) have also been received. The Department has been more largely in requisition than in any former year by the various schools in the vicinity, some of which have school memberships in the Library for the use of their teachers and pupils. The daily aggregate of outside requests for information from strangers and non-members, has been unprecedented. These have been answered as far as possible when not involving too much time or many books, and

in other cases the inquirers have been urged to become members. The number of users, exclusive of strangers and school students, shows a slight increase. The latest reports and documents sent us by the United States Government and by the New York State Department have received shelves in the Reference Room and are shown, upon request, to any inquirer, and many have availed themselves of this privilege.

Among the new books of Reference are:

Appletons' Annual Cyclopedia, 1899.
Bancroft, Book of the Fair, 2 vols.
Bien, Atlas of Pennsylvania.
Brewer, The World's Best Orations, 10 vols.
Garland, Amer. and Engl. Cyclop. of Law, vols. 11-14.
Hawthorne, Literature of all Nations, vol. 10.
Lee, Dictionary of National Biography, vols. 59-61.
Library of Congress (The), Plates.
Motley, Dutch Republic, vols. 1-4 (ed. de luxe).
Mulhall, Dictionary of Statistics, rev. ed.
Robinson, Atlas of the Borough of Richmond.
Tissot, Life of Christ, 4 vols. (colored plates).
Trubner, Minerva (College Year Book), 1899-1900.
Van Renssalaer, New York in the Nineteenth Century.
Wagner & Kelley, Army and Navy of the United States.
Who's Who? 1900.
Who's Who in America? 1900.

A bill is before the State Legislature to relieve the Library from the tax which was placed upon its real estate adjacent to the Library Building by the Code Revision of 1897. This bill has been favored by the newspapers of Brooklyn and New York and by the reading public generally as equitable and desirable, but at the moment it is uncertain whether it will pass. Unless it does, it may become a serious question in the near future how to make adequate provision for the growth of the Library, an even and regular continuance of which is so essential to its greatest usefulness.

For the Board of Directors,

JAMES L. MORGAN, Jr.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. HENRY SANGER SNOW, Treasurer, *in account with* THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY. Cr.

Balance on hand March 1, 1899		$426 10
Initiation Fees	$366 00	
Dues	8,619 24	
Extra Books	1,519 93	
Fines	93 64	
		$10,598 81
Trustees: Current Income of the		
A. M. White Fund	$1,000 00	
John T. Martin Fund	400 00	
Loftis Wood Fund	400 00	
Chas. R. Lynde Fund	400 00	
S. B. Duryea Fund	120 00	
Mrs. Maria Cary Bequest	200 00	
General Fund	8,480 00	
		$11,000 00
Trustees of Cary Fund for selection of Books from current purchases		256 09
Sale of Catalogues and Bulletins		13 00
Sundries		24 98
		$22,318 98

Books	$3,876 73	
Less amount from Books sold	476 51	
		$3,400 22
Binding		750 17
Periodicals	1,995 20	
Less amount from Periodicals sold	47 94	
		1,947 26
Salaries		10,301 88
Light		1,043 83
Fuel	504 65	
Building and Fixtures	104 05	
Janitor and care of Building	1,420 77	
		2,029 47
Bulletins and Catalogues	313 14	
Stationery and Printing	472 22	
Postage on Bulletins	120 00	
Advertising	44 80	
		950 16
Delivery to Branches	103 00	
Sundries	111 52	
		214 52
Interest paid on Loan		1,319 82
		$21,957 33
Balance, April 9, 1900		361 65
		$22,318 98

* In view of the passage of the Act which became a law on April 10, 1900, reorganizing the Brooklyn Library and abolishing the Brooklyn Directors, this report has been extended to and including April 9, 1900.

Hereafter the fiscal statements of the Library will all be embodied in the report of the Treasurer of the Brooklyn Library.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

The Trustees submit the following report of the finances of the Library for the current year ending April 9, 1900:

THE CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr.	Balance, February 28, 1899		$23 98
	Gross Rentals of No. 152 Pierrepont street		614 00
	" " of No. 154 Pierrepont street		750 00
	" " of No. 193 Montague street		4,072 76
	" " of No. 201 Montague street		5,180 07
	" " of Library Building		3,117 03
	Amount of One Life Membership		100 00
			$13,857 84
Dr.	Long Island Loan and Trust Company, Interest on Loan	$318 57	
	Long Island Loan and Trust Company, on account of Loan	100 00	
	Interest on Mortgage Loan, Trustees of the Cary Fund	250 00	
	Expense Account, No. 152 Pierrepont street	29 35	
	" " No. 154 Pierrepont street	49 75	
	" " No. 193 Montague street	350 93	
	" " No. 201 Montague street	586 00	
	" " Library Building	100 39	
	Fire Insurance Premium	13 87	
	Amount paid for Revenue Stamps	1 75	
	Payments to the Board of Directors, viz.:		
	Income of the White Fund	1,000 00	
	" " Martin Fund	400 00	
	" " Wood Fund	400 00	
	" " Cary Bequest	200 00	
	" " Lynde Fund	400 00	
	" " Duryea Fund	120 00	
	" " General Fund	8,480 00	
			12,800 60
	Balance, April 9, 1900		$1,057 23

THE INCOME ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 152 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals	$666 66	
Refund, Water Rates	14 00	
		$680 66
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Insurance	$3 23	
Commissions	15 35	
Water Tax	14 00	
Interest on Mortgage Loan	250 00	
		282 58
Balance, being Net Income		$398 08

No. 154 Pierrepont Street.

Gross Rentals		$833 33
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Commissions	$18 75	
General Repairs	31 00	
		49 75
Balance, being Net Income		$783 58

No. 193 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals	$4,622 29	
Refund, Water Rates	6 00	
		$4,628 29
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas	$44 35	
Water Rates	24 00	
Fire Insurance	8 33	
Commissions	101 82	
General Repairs	159 76	
		338 26
Balance, being Net Income		$4,290 03

No. 201 Montague Street.

Gross Rentals.		$5,775 60
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Gas.	$21 86	
Water Rates.	24 00	
Fire Insurance.	8 33	
Commissions.	129 00	
General Repairs.	390 14	
		573 33
Balance, being Net Income.		$5,202 27

Library Building.

Gross Rentals.		$3,665 07
Less Disbursements as follows:		
Water Rates.	$42 00	
Fire Insurance on the Building.	58 33	
Commissions.	75 63	
General Repairs.	24 76	
		200 72
Balance, being Net Income.		$3,464 35

THE GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cr. Balance of the Account, February 28, 1899.		$410 87
Net Income from No. 152 Pierrepont Street.		398 08
" " " No. 154 Pierrepont Street.		783 58
" " " No. 193 Montague Street.		4,290 03
" " " No. 201 Montague Street.		5,202 27
" " " the Library Building.		3,464 35
		$14,549 18
Dr. Interest Account.	$318 57	
General Income Account, being premium on books, furniture and fixtures for the current year.	102 06	
Revenue Stamps for Leases.	1 75	
Payments to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors:		
For Income of the Special Funds.	$3,550 00	
For Income of the General Fund.	7,450 00	
		11,422 38
Balance, April 9, 1900.		$3,126 80

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE TRUSTEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cash	$1,057 23	
Accounts Receivable	1,849 09	
Insurance Premium Account	220 48	
Investment Account	600 00	
Real Estate No. 193 Montague Street	43,000 00	
Real Estate No. 201 Montague Street	33,000 00	
Real Estate No. 152 Pierrepont Street	25,000 00	
Real Estate No. 154 Pierrepont Street	20,000 00	
Real Estate Library Building	155,750 00	
Library Furniture and Fixtures	11,087 89	
Building Fund		$169,161 00
Book Fund		587 50
General Fund		44,089 39
White Fund		25,000 00
Martin Fund		10,000 00
Wood Fund		10,000 00
Cary Bequest		5,000 00
Lynde Fund		10,000 00
Duryea Fund		3,000 00
Loan from the Long Island Loan and Trust Company		6,600 00
Mortgage Loan on No. 152 Pierrepont Street		5,000 00
Balance of the General Income Account		3,126 80
	$291,564 69	$291,564 69

The amounts of the insurances against fire upon the Library property remain as last reported.

Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

JAMES L. MORGAN, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Dated BROOKLYN, March 9, 1900.

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Hereafter the fiscal statements of the Library will all be embodied in the report of the Treasurer of the Brooklyn Library.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY FUND.

To the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Library:

On behalf of the Trustees of the "Cary Fund," I have to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, that the principal of the trust remains invested in a mortgage loan to the Library Corporation, on its property, No. 152 Pierrepont Street, at 5 per cent.

There remained at the date of the last report, March 8, 1899, an unexpended balance of income of $16.29, and there has been received the interest for one year, amounting to $250. The Trustees have expended in the purchase of books the sum of $256.09, representing 67 volumes, which have been selected from the current purchases of the Library, and have been duly marked and entered as gifts to the Library from the Fund. The unexpended balance of income is $10.20.

W. A. WHITE,
Trustee.

Dated BROOKLYN, February 20, 1900.

BROOKLYN, March 8, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Library:

In accordance with Section 2 of Article IV of the By-Laws, the following report of the Executive Committee is respectfully submitted for the year ending February 28, 1900:

The trust funds of the Library continue to be, as for a number of years past, invested entirely in the property immediately adjacent to the Library building. These buildings have

been kept during the past year in their usual good order. There have been no vacancies. The receipts paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors during the year have been $10,000. There are, however, arrears of taxes now due amounting to about $4,000.

For the year ending May 1, 1901, the offices have all been let, with one exception. In order to retain tenants, however, it has been necessary to make reductions in rentals amounting in all to $500 per annum.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

By W. A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

AMENDED CHARTER OF THE BROOKLYN LIBRARY.

CHAP. 347.

AN ACT to amend chapter forty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association of the City of Brooklyn," relative to the number of trustees, etc.

Became a law, April 10, 1900, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter forty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association of the City of Brooklyn," as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, chapter six hundred and thirty-two of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and chapter one hundred and ninety-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. The purposes of the Brooklyn Library, incorporated by the act entitled, "An act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association of the City of Brooklyn," passed March fifteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall be the establishment and maintenance of a reference and circulating library, reading rooms, literary and scientific lectures, classes in the various departments of instruction, and other means of education and improvement.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall continue to be known and designated as "The Brooklyn Library," and for the purposes thereof shall be capable of taking and holding by purchase, devise or otherwise, and of selling, leasing, mortgaging, or otherwise disposing of, real or personal estate, as provided by law.

SEC. 3. The officers of the said corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the Board of Trustees from their own number at the annual meeting, in such manner as shall be provided in the By-Laws of the said Board of Trustees, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be elected.

SEC. 4. The corporation shall consist of, and the control and management of all the trust funds and property thereof shall be vested in, and its affairs administered by, a Board of eighteen Trustees, consisting of the nine existing Trustees of said Library, and nine additional Trustees, who shall be elected by the said existing Trustees in the manner hereinafter provided for filling vacancies in their own number. The said Trustees shall divide themselves by lot into three classes, of not more than six

members in each class. The term of office of the first of said classes shall expire in the year nineteen hundred, at the date fixed by the By-Laws of the Board for its annual meeting; the term of office of the second of said classes shall expire at the like date in the year nineteen hundred and one; and the term of office of the third of said classes shall expire at the like date, in the year nineteen hundred and two. Beginning with the annual meeting in nineteen hundred, the term of office for which a Trustee shall be elected shall not exceed three years; but any member shall be eligible for re-election. The said Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in their own body or in the offices of the corporation, by death, resignation, or otherwise. The property of the said "The Brooklyn Library" and the control thereof, heretofore vested in the Board of Trustees of said library, shall, from and after the passage of this act, continue to be vested in the Board of Trustees of said library as enlarged and reconstituted hereby.

SEC. 5. The estate, property and funds of the said corporation shall be devoted solely to the general purposes and objects specified in the first section of this act.

SEC. 6. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall in all courts and places be construed benignly and favorably for every beneficial purpose therein intended, and no misnomer or misdescription of the said corporation in any will, deed, gift, grant, demise, or other instrument of contract or conveyance shall defeat or vitiate the same; but every such will, deed, gift, grant, demise, or other instrument of contract or conveyance, shall take effect in like manner as if the said corporation were rightly named therein, provided it be sufficiently described to ascertain the intent of the parties.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

James Harding Frothingham

Born at Salem, Massachusetts, June 2, 1833

Died at Brooklyn, New York, March 1, 1900

The Trustees and Directors of the Brooklyn Library by this minute express their profound appreciation of the services rendered by the late James H. Frothingham to that institution.

Among its many benefactors none accomplished more in its behalf, perhaps none so much. The first public meeting, which resulted in founding the Library, was held at the Athenæum in 1857, and Mr. Frothingham, then a young man of twenty-four, was one of its Vice-Presidents. Only the week prior to his death, before a Committee of the State Legislature, he pleaded the cause of the Library, and during the forty-two intervening years he was ever earnest and untiring and effective in promoting its welfare and development.

He was President of the Library during the trying years of the Civil War, and when peace came he was Chairman of the Committee which by a very general subscription raised the large sum of money required to erect and equip the present Library building. In 1880 and 1881, when it seemed necessary to re-awaken public interest in the Library, he was again called to the Presidency. He was the last survivor of the seven charter members of the Board of Trustees. He was the first Treasurer of that Board, and the volume of accounts recorded by his own hand for thirty-five years remain as a memorial of the faithfulness and accuracy with which he discharged that duty.

The same unselfish devotion that he showed to the interest of the Library was manifested in his work for other public institutions. Enthusiasm, persistent energy, and intellectual equipment made him a leader in whatever cause he advocated, and the charm of a distinct and original personality characterized all he said or wrote.

We loved him, we miss him, we shall cherish his memory.

JAMES L. MORGAN, JR.,
President Board of Trustees.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WHITE,
President Board of Directors.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I Give and Bequeath to the "BROOKLYN LIBRARY," in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, the sum of $, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Library.

